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HARRISBURG.

Proceedings of the Legislature.

THE McCLURE-GRAY CASE STILL UNSETTLED.

The House Passes the Senate Bill.

Bills from Pittsburgh Councils Introduced

Speculations as to the Governorship.

Special to the Pittsburgh Press.

HARRISBURG, PA., February 14, 1872.

SENATE.

Writ of Election Issued.

Speaker Rutan announced that a writ for a special election to fill the vacancy created by the death of Mr. Evans, to take place on the third Friday of March, being the fifteenth proximo.

Bills Introduced.

By Mr. Humphreys, supplement for the Allegheny Car and Transportation Company; also, protecting laborers and miners in the bituminous coal regions; two hundred copies of which were ordered printed.

The Bill to Regulate Contested Elections.

The bill regulating contested elections came up, reported by the majority of the McClure-Gray Committee, which was opposed by Mr. Buckalew, Democrat.

Mr. Billingfelt gave notice that he would offer the following: "The Committee to consist of seven members, each Senator to vote for candidates, the six candidates receiving the highest number of votes to be members of the Committee; the names of the remaining Senator not already selected, exclusive of the Speaker and sitting member, to be written on slips by the Clerk of the Senate or some one chosen in his stead, and each one separately rolled up or folded and deposited in a box or other receptacle, and after being well shaken and mixed, the Clerk shall draw therefrom the names of thirteen members, who shall be written down by another clerk, and after having been so drawn, the parties to the contest shall retire and strike from said list alternately until the number is reduced to one, the Senator whose name may thus remain is to act as the additional member of said committee."

Mr. Wartel, Republican, made a long explanation, charging that Democrats with having gone back on their promise to vote for a bill such as that presented by Mr. Billingfelt. He said he never doubted the rights or justice of the contestant having a committee. The Republicans had been liberal in offering remedies, all of which the Democrats rejected, but offered nothing new to supply them.

Mr. Buckalew, Democrat, explained that he had only been in favor of the bill prospectively, believing that this committee should be drawn under the act of 1839. The Republicans had gone back on their word and violated faith by refusing to concur in the action of the House last night on the Senate bill extending the time.

Mr. Davis, Republican, of Philadelphia, indicated his desire for a full investigation, and favored Mr. Billingfelt's bill, unless something better could be presented.

Mr. Mumma, Republican, criticised the editorial article of the Philadelphia papers as unwise, dictational and not deserved by the action of the Republicans. He explained that a joint caucus of the House and Senate Republicans had been divided on passing the Senate bill of last night, though it was promised by Republican Senators that the House would pass the bill immediately.

Afternoon Session.

The bill from the House relating to the McClure-Gray contest and contested elections was received.

[For bill see House proceedings.—Ed. Com.]

Mr. Billingfelt offered his bill as a substitute.

Mr. Buckalew urged that the House amendment be non-concurred in, and that the Senate insist on its bill for the extension of time in this case.

Mr. Strang, Republican, insisted on the Democrats showing some intimation to pass a just bill before he would take another step forward.

Mr. White, Republican, severely animadverted upon the Philadelphia papers as misrepresenting the attitude of the Republicans. Some of the specials to them from Harrisburg were utterly false.

Finally, Mr. Wallace, Democrat, offered a substitute, embracing Mr. Billingfelt's proposition, with an extension of time for three more days.

After discussion the Speaker ruled the substitute out of order, as embracing what the House had struck out.

Mr. Wallace then offered another substitute, providing that the time construction of the act of 1839 is, that all petitions contesting elections shall run ten days after the receipt of the election returns by the Legislature.

Mr. Billingfelt opposed this as recognizing the validity of the act of 1839 in this case.

Mr. Rutan (Republican) took a position in favor of Mr. Billingfelt's bill as the only fair proposition before the Senate, preferring it to the report of the majority. He looked upon Mr. Wallace's proposition as an evasion. He could not believe that they would institute an inquiry. They had not done so, however, but the Secretary of War had made to the House of Representatives a report upon this subject. The character of that report would appear as he proceeded, and the Senate would judge whether it did not fall under some of the suspicion which attached to the whole transaction. In setting forth the facts he must introduce two characters upon the scene—M. Victor Place, late Consul General of France at New York, and Samuel Remington, of Albion, New York. Place had been accused of fraud, and upon his second trial had been convicted, mainly upon the testimony of Remington, who was authenticated as a witness in the French Courts by a certificate from our Secretary of War.

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Mr. Billingfelt, of the Senate, introduced a resolution on Tuesday morning, which passed unanimously, directing Mr. Birkinbine, chief engineer of the new water works now in course of erection in this city, to make inquiry if the many rumors now circulated about the improper quality of the water pumped into the reservoir are correct, and report the facts to the Senate.

XLII. CONGRESS.

SALE OF ARMS TO THE FRENCH

Mr. Sumner's Resolution of Inquiry

A DISPOSITION TO OPPOSE INVESTIGATION.

Bill Placing Tea and Coffee on the Free List Introduced.

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 14, 1872.

SENATE.

Mr. SUMNER called up his resolution for an investigation into the alleged manufacture of arms for the French in the workshops of the United States.

Mr. CONKLING was anxious to have the resolution disposed of.

Mr. SHERMAN said the resolution would lead to political debate, and appealed to the Senate not to be diverted from practical business. If Mr. Sumner had been content to omit his long preamble, and offer a simple resolution of inquiry, it might be passed without debate.

Mr. ANTHONY objected to taking up the resolution until the appropriation bill should be disposed of.

Mr. CONKLING said it was not for the importance of the resolution that he wished to have it taken up at once, but on account of its peculiar character, which the rules would not permit him properly to describe. He would, however, suppose a case, the introduction of a resolution casting gross and baseless aspersions upon the Senate and not, as this one did, upon American government and American name, and he would say to the Senator from Rhode Island [Anthony], that in such case he would insist on the immediate consideration of the resolution, even if an hundred appropriation bills were waiting; he wanted this resolution disposed of because of the imputations and statements accompanying it, groundless as he believed them to be.

After further discussion the resolution was taken up, and Mr. SUMNER addressed the Senate. The subject, he said, was interesting and important in two aspects, as it concerned ourselves and as it concerned a foreign power. All must unite in the desire to redeem our country from the suspicion of moral obliquity. He would speak not of rumors but facts, and if anybody should be pointed at by the statement he was about to make, it would be the fault of the facts and not his. He had brought forward this subject with great reluctance, and after long delay. The main facts had been brought to his knowledge before Christmas, but he had postponed bringing them into the Senate because he knew they had been laid before the President and Secretary of War, and had no doubt believe that they would institute an inquiry. They had not done so, however, but the Secretary of War had made to the House of Representatives a report upon this subject. The character of that report would appear as he proceeded, and the Senate would judge whether it did not fall under some of the suspicion which attached to the whole transaction. In setting forth the facts he must introduce two characters upon the scene—M. Victor Place, late Consul General of France at New York, and Samuel Remington, of Albion, New York. Place had been accused of fraud, and upon his second trial had been convicted, mainly upon the testimony of Remington, who was authenticated as a witness in the French Courts by a certificate from our Secretary of War.

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Mr. SUMNER resumed: The Senators opposed to this resolution had professed to be afraid of a political discussion, and had proceeded to discuss politics. They were afraid of an attack on the administration, so they had proceeded to defend it. One of them, fearing that I had undertaken an attack on General Grant, had undertaken an attack on General Grant, had undertaken an attack on me [Sumner] was not going to defend him. He [Sumner] was not going to make a political speech at all. He would simply speak of the public service, with a view of relieving his country from suspicion. He would neither introduce the name of Gen. Grant, nor make any allusion to him. He would leave that to his adversaries. [Laughter.] He was about to consider a practical question which had become important, not through any action of his, but by events both at home and abroad. He then restated and commented on the facts and allegations set forth in the preamble. When he spoke of the alleged discrepancy between the sum paid by the French government and the amount received by the United States government, Mr. MORTON inquired whether he meant to state that our government sold arms to Remington, knowing him to be an agent of the French government?

Mr. SUMNER said he had made no such statement.

Mr. MORTON—What is there in this discrepancy, unless the Senator means to have it understood that our government sold arms directly to the French government through their known agent? If the French government purchased of Remington or other private parties, these parties undoubtedly made their profit over and above the price they paid our government, and therefore this statement of the difference between the amount paid by the French government and that received by ours, has no importance or significance, unless the Senator means to have it understood that our government sold the arms directly to the French government, and then failed to account for two millions of the money received from them. Does the Senator mean to make that impression?

Mr. SUMNER—Have I not stated again and again that I make no allegation? I merely state the facts that have given rise to suspicion.

Mr. MORTON—I understand the Senator to say that the circumstances he states amount merely to suspicion. Now, I desire to know whether a mere suspicion is sufficient warrant an elaborate speech in advance of any proof as to facts on which even suspicion is to be created?

Mr. SUMNER—The Senator is trying to drive me into making an allegation against some person, but he shall not do it. I have merely stated facts which in my opinion call upon himself must acknowledge furnish ground for inquiry. The name of the United States must not be permitted to be fly-blown abroad We cannot afford to ignore the fact that nations without inquiry and an attempt to relieve ourselves from suspicion. I ask only for an inquiry. The Senator from Indiana endeavors to drive me into some allegation against some individual or some body. He will not succeed. I content myself with stating the facts as they are, facts which cannot be questioned, and which, whatever may be the result, will justify an inquiry.

Mr. SUMNER then discussed at length the question of the obligations of neutrals.

Mr. TRUMBULL said he had heard the preamble a paragraph which states that it appears from communications previously mentioned that one Thomas Richardson was the knowing attorney of Remington & Son, and inquired Mr. Sumner where in those communications that fact appeared.

Mr. SUMNER said he understood it was a well known fact that Richardson was their agent, but he did not know that it appeared in the communications referred to.

Mr. TRUMBULL—Then the preamble is erronous as to that fact, and I think it is the most important fact stated in the preamble.

Mr. SUMNER—I understand that the fact of fact Richardson was and is the attorney of Remington, and is now acting for him in France.

Mr. SUMNER, in conclusion, argued that it was the duty of our Government to have made careful inquiry as to who the persons were to whom they sold arms, so as to be sure that in so doing they were not violating the obligation as a neutral power.

Mr. WILSON, Chairman of the Committee on Military Affairs, felt called upon by his sense of duty to be a War Department for only a brief explanation. He was now, as he had always been, in favor of the fullest investigation, and if any wrong had been committed that could be kept secret from the majority of officers displaced by the new nominations till the confirmations had actually taken place in order that they might be screened from exposure, he was willing to have it exposed and punished. He then said that at the close of the war our Government had arms, ammunition and munitions of war in excess of the value of millions of dollars, which Congress authorized the Secretary of War to dispose of. The sales commenced in 1865, and continued from that time to the present, and the government from the first of April, 1865, to the 30th of June, 1871, amounted to $150,023, 42, every cent of which had been faithfully accounted for and paid into the treasury. As to the alleged sale of arms to the French Government, he was authorized to say that our government had never sold a dollar's worth to that government, or to any man whom they knew to be its agent. The Government at the time of the sale to Richardson, had no knowledge that he was agent, counsel or attorney of or in any way connected with Remington & Son. As to the suspicions expressed by the French Assembly, it should be remembered that these purchases were made mostly by Gambetta's government, and that the existing French government was opposed to these men, and trying to cast imputations on them.

Mr. HARLAN made a similar statement, and said that the government had no reason to suspect Remington & Son to be acting for the French government.

Mr. CONKLING confirmed this, saying that Remington, and his father before him, and his brothers had long been known as very extensive manufacturers and purchasers of arms, and had dealt largely with the agents of the French Empire alone, but in many other and more distant nations; and if this investigation should be ordered, it would be shown that they had sold arms extensively to Spain, and in foreign countries long before the Franco-Prussian war, and while it was raging and after its close. He mentioned this fact to show that our government was not singular in its guard in respect to those gentlemen, and was not dealing with them as agents or friends of France or anybody else.

Without acting on the resolution, the Senate, on motion of Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Mr. FINKLENBURG, from the Ways and Means Committee, reported a bill to repeal the existing duties on tea and coffee. He said that it was reported in obedience to the order of the House, but that the majority of the committee, including himself, were adverse to it. The bill was referred to the committee of the whole.

The army appropriation bill was reported from committees, and made the special order for Tuesday next. It appropriates $29,480,000.

The House then went into committee of the whole and took up the naval appropriation bill. Mr. BANKS made a speech in which he complimented the present Secretary of the Navy for breaking up the system of bureaucracy and favoritism which had until recently prevailed in the department.

Mr. SERGEANT stated that the total amount received from sales of old material of the navy had been less than a million dollars, all of which had been paid into the Treasury.

Mr. COX condemned the Government for the weakness of the navy, and lauded the course of the former Democratic Administrations.

The bill was then considered by paragraphs for amendment. Mr. HALE offered an amendment providing against the employment of men for political purposes, and against employees therein being subjected to political influences.

Messrs. BANKS and HALE opposed this as entirely unnecessary, while Mr. SLOCUM favored it, charging that the Brooklyn navy yard the Senate would refuse to consider it now, no matter for how good reasons, the refusal would be made the basis for the most infamous calumnies. The Senate had better, therefore, let the cartridge be exploded at once.

Mr. TRUMBULL thought Mr. Sherman's speech remarkable, and wondered what he meant by speaking of "our adversaries," and a "red flag."

Mr. SHERMAN said he had alluded to the Senator from Massachusetts [Sumner], who had introduced this preamble and resolution, and he appealed to Mr. Trumbull to say whether he had ever known a Senator having an investigation to be pushed into the preamble the facts to be investigated.

Mr. TRUMBULL replied that the basis of the Senate's examination must be laid in the same way, and it was a mere matter of taste whether they should be stated in writing in a preamble or only in the Senate. In either case they would be before the public. But what did the Senator [Sherman] mean by talking of adversaries? Surely the Senator from Massachusetts [Sumner] was not politically an adversary of the Senator from Ohio [Sherman], and why did the Senator expect a political debate on this question? Surely this was not a political question.

Mr. SHERMAN—My honorable friend is very innocent. [Laughter] Can there be any motive in bringing forward here this resolution now, except to invite a political discussion? My friends from New York and Indiana [Conkling and Morton] are eager for the fray, and my friend from Massachusetts [Sumner] is eager for the fray.

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WHY did Colonel FORNEY resign? is the conundrum of Washington letter writers and the Philadelphia papers. The Colonel himself has furnished the answer. He resigned to clear his throat so that when he cried "Halt!" to the President he could make him hear. Well, we are all looking at you, Colonel—give the word.

It may not be generally known that the report of the committee against the Code, which has been produced at no little labor and cost, has been unanimously approved by both branches of the Legislature at Harrisburg. And so we have heard the last of the Code at present, probably forever, and persons having the book are at liberty to burn it any moment.

It is reported that Col. T. A. SCOTT and his friends have virtually withdrawn from the Union Pacific Road, although he is yet President of that Company. The interest that has succeeded to the management is understood to be the New York Central. The experience of the last two months with the snows of the mountains has seriously qualified the prospect of the road for all time to come. Meanwhile Col. SCOTT has been pushing his conquests in a more genial climate, looking to a continental crossing that will be liable to no extraordinary obstruction.

THE Washington *Chronicle*, which zealously supports the Administration if it is not an "organ" even, criticises sharply BANCROFT DAVIS for the preparation of the Alabama "case" for the Geneva arbitration. "We should be ashamed," it says, "to go into court with a doubtful claim of consequential damages, which the ingenuity of those who haggle for them cannot reduce to figures." After laying the blame upon DAVIS, the Assistant Secretary of State, it asserts that he has "sacrificed the moral dignity of our position to make a great case and a large bill!" This, taken in connection with the observation of the New York *Times*, the organ *par excellence*, that "somebody has blundered" in preparing the "case," may be described as somewhat significant. It may be remarked in this connection that in England the preparation of the "case" is ascribed to CALEB CUSHING, and is highly praised for the great ability shown in the performance.

OF COURSE there is a scramble for the old shoes of Col. FORNEY in the Collector's office. The position, although the Colonel cast it away in disgust, is coveted by a variety of individuals, and we are told that the Philadelphia Congressmen are trying to agree on some one. Among the applicants are W. B. ELLIOTT, J. PRICE WETHERILL, D. P. SOUTHWORTH, DR. MARKS, E. HARPER JEFFRIES and MORTON MCMICHAEL. It is probable that General CAMERON and Mr. HARTRANFT favor Mr. ELLIOTT or Dr. MARKS, while Mr. MYERS indorses D. P. SOUTHWORTH or HARPER JEFFRIES. Judge KELLEY refuses to be bothered about the matter. A Washington dispatch to the *Press* assures us that there is reason to believe that President GRANT, in appointing the new Collector, will be governed more by the advice of his personal friends among the merchants and business men of Philadelphia than by the politicians. His best friends advise him, if possible, to abstain from appointing the mere representative of any party or clique or faction, and especially keep outside the ring.

IS a recent essay on "Social Politics of Great Britain and Ireland," Professor KNAK, a prefound and conscientious observer, says that in the east end of London alone there are upwards of seventy thousand persons who must "emigrate speedily or die." Of this number, he states, over twenty-five thousand are more or less skilled in engineer and ship-building occupations; adding, "they are not shepherds, nor are they ploughmen, nor will they ever be to any great extent one or the other. They are mechanics, and where will they go, say where they may." The author then proceeds to say that in the vast hives of industry in Lancashire "there are a greater number who must emigrate or die." The other day the Cincinnati *Enquirer*, referring to the importations of iron ore which England was making from Spain, wanted to know why, if she could do this, and export the product to this country with profit we—"with all the raw materials on the spot"—could not compete with her without levying a tariff on her goods? If the *Enquirer* will carefully study the significance of Professor KIRK's statistics on English labor, it will find its own question answered pretty conclusively, we fancy.

MESSRS. BRADLAUGH and OTGER would seem, after all, to be men of considerable greater political sagacity than people on this side of the Atlantic have generally credited them with possessing. We some time ago mentioned that the latter had withdrawn from association with the more radical of the English Republicans, and that he objected to any efforts to overthrow the monarchy during the reign of Queen VICTORIA. It now appears that a bitter quarrel is pending between BRADLAUGH and the General Council of the Internationale, who denounce him roundly as being merely a "pretended Republican egotist." It seems that he was lately in Paris, where he was the guest of EMILE DE GIRARDIN and other Frenchmen of moderate political views. This has given mortal offense to the French branch of the Association, which abuses him without stint for consorting with "Imperial packs;" while an English branch of the Order also discharges him with apostatizing from Republican principles; since, it states, "had he been a genuine Republican he would have joined the association, knowing, as he does, that it is the only society in existence that can cope successfully with the enemies of labor." It is obvious that just at the present moment, while doubtless the undercurrent of Republican sentiment continues as strong as ever, the agrarians and those who have been clamoring for the immediate establishment of a Republic are losing ground on every hand.

A MINISTER'S FALL.

Intelligent Americans perhaps feel a more rational if not a more lively interest in the contemporary history of Germany than they feel in the contemporary history of any other European country. Great Britain not excepted. Apart from the increasing number and influence of our German population, to account for the existence of the sentiment referred to we need only mention the fact, that under the Constitution of the New Empire the problem of State Rights is fairly presented for solution, and still remains to be worked out to a satisfactory solution. Whether we regard the subject as forever settled or as still waiting for complete elucidation among ourselves, we cannot but watch with earnest interest the process going on in Germany. Then, the relations between religion and politics and the conflict between the Government and Ultramontane Popery, as for some time exhibited in the land of the Reformation, are subjects full of interest for every one capable of understanding the phenomena, or of seeing even a little below the surface of our American political and religious life. Such considerations are sufficient to justify what perhaps needs no apology—the relative frequency with which these foreign topics are referred to in these columns.

According to the almost unanimous voice of the German press on both sides of the Atlantic, one of the most important of recent events in Prussia, or even in the Empire, is the resignation of Cultus Minister VON MUEHLER. Some time ago announced by telegraph, it is only within the last few days that the details have been received necessary to a full appreciation of the fact. Many of our readers are, no doubt, familiar with the character of the fallen minister. Mr. MUEHLER was conservative reaction incarnate. The spirit of the entire Bench of English Bishops condensed, and purified from all modern tendencies and ideas, would seem to him a spirit of perilous and infidel innovation. Though originally a very able man and a learned jurist, he became in the course of time so penetrated with the traditions of Prussian bureaucracy and with the old LUTHERAN doctrine of church ascendancy in the State, that he literally abhorred all change as inevitable deterioration, and labored as minister of worship and education to exercise over the minds of men a degree of ecclesiastical or spiritual authority almost as absolute as that claimed by the Catholic Church. Indeed, in the days before the dogma of infallibility was declared, MUEHLER was strongly suspected to favor the Jesuits and their influence, and even after the rupture between the Government and the Ultramontanes, his language often seemed to indicate that he was simply carrying out the wishes of the higher powers, while his own sympathies were with the Jesuit party in its desire to reduce recalcitrant Catholics to obedience. In the exercise of his office over the Protestant population, he longago made himself utterly ridiculous by the catechisms and hymns in which were inculcated what he deemed sound principles concerning passive obedience and the rejection of dangerous scientific novelties. One German journal asserts that MUEHLER had lost all genuine sympathy with the scientific spirit, and that in the selection of Professors for the Universities, his main object was to find men of correct political and ecclesiastical views. In fact, he was sometimes rather indifferent to the other qualifications of the professors, if they were willing to take such salaries as enabled him to save a few hundred dollars. His notion appears to have been that the most effectual mode of securing efficiency and hard work, both from university professors and common school teachers, was to starve them. We mention the fact for the encouragement of some of our American friends of education and for the rebuke of others.

As MUEHLER was loyal without suspicion of taint, and was by his manners besides personally agreeable to the old Emperor, he held his position by a rather secure tenure. Since many years the Liberal opposition in the Prussian House of Representatives have every session made him the object of their persistent attacks, but without making much apparent impression on the citadel. BISMARCK has long wished to get rid of him as a clog upon his policy of reform, but even he was forced to tolerate a colleague whom the Emperor regarded with so much tenderness. At length, when MUEHLER found that change was unavoidable, and that either he or his system must yield to the spirit of the time, he resolved to sacrifice his principles rather than his office, and endeavored to effect a compromise with the Party of Progress. But naturally the House of Representatives, not believing that he was likely to carry out new measures with zeal and skill, passed a vote of want of confidence, and thus forced him to resign his ministry.

Whenever in Germany the influence of the minister was felt his resignation has caused great joy among liberal men of all parties. While doing justice to the good effects of the Prussian system of education as administered on the principles of MUEHLER, the well informed editor of the *Freiheits-Freund* says that it "imposed upon the people the yoke of a spiritual tyranny which became intolerable in proportion to the advance of culture and consequent self-consciousness or individuality among the masses. No one might object, when the Prussian State made education compulsory. But when, at the same time, the State undertook to conduct the education of youth in accordance with churchly ordinances * * or when the teachings of a particular confession are made the foundation of popular education, then the people have the right to protect themselves against such encroachments by the State upon individual freedom of faith and conscience."

These words undoubtedly express the prevalent conviction of Protestant Germany to-day, a conviction which has driven VON MUEHLER from his post. Progress in liberal ideas is announced by the event, which is significant and interesting to us for still another reason. It is fully expected that the Prussian government will still more earnestly than hitherto extend protection and aid to those churches calling themselves Old Catholic, which reject the pretensions of the Vatican Council, and that thus a fresh impulse will be given to the movement which promises to deliver Germany from the influence of Jesuitry and Ultramontanism.

PERSONAL.

Arrangements are being consumated for the speedy completion and dedication of the National Monument to President Lincoln. All that still remains is to put the different pieces of statuary in place. It is said that Hon. Wm. Seward will probably be selected as the orator to pronounce the eulogy upon the occasion of the dedication of the monument.

Patrick Gilmore, of Boston Peace Jubilee notoriety, is an Irishman by birth, and enlisted when a boy in the British army, where he obtained his musical and the principal portion of his other education. While his regiment was stationed in Canada he came to the conclusion that he could played "God Save the Queen" long enough, so he crossed over to Buffalo, N. Y., without asking permission of the British authorities. He afterward visited Boston, which city he has since made his home, where he formed a brass band and projected a series of cheap and popular promenade concerts, from which he doubtless conceived the idea of his immense musical gatherings.

Peter Cartwright, the venerable and famous Methodist itinerant, is lying at the point of death at his home in Illinois. He is eighty-seven years of age, and has been sixty-eight years in the ministry. With the single exception of Henry Boehm, he is the oldest minister of the Methodist connection in this country.

When the news of the recent attack made by Trice, the sleeping car conductor, on Gen. D. H. Maury, reached the cars of the Directors of the Memphis and Charleston Railroad, they ordered him to be discharged in a trice. This looks like an invitation to Jefferson Davis to travel over that route again.

One of the daughters of Karl Marx, the chief of the International, was recently married to Citizen Lemoussu, the gentlemen who was charged to pillage the Paris churches under the Communne.

The alarming illness of George Sand, at her country house at Nahant, where she has chiefly lived for twenty years past, should prepare us for her death at any time. She is nearly sixty-eight years old, and, though in vigerous health till lately, now lies ill in her villa, sustained only by cordials. All sorts of consolations. The Emperor of Brazil has asked permission to visit her, and no doubt her death would be more deeply felt in France than that of a dozen Statesmen.

The famous French artist, Gustave Dore, is described as a man some thirty-five or seven years of age, who looks younger even than that. His physique is fine, a massive chest both in breadth and depth, and a noble head with a wealth of dark hair falling low upon his brow. His bearing is as simple as that of a child. He is interested in America, speaks with warmth of our artist, Church, has grand ideas of our scenery, and proposes to visit us soon. He refuses to come to America professionally, as he has been invited to do, because he will not consent to the degradation of American landscape as illustrations, unless permitted to make as many as he deems best. Instead of five hundred, the number suggested, he thinks thousands would be required to give an idea of its beauty and grandeur.

The bravest man in the United States resides in Annapolis, and his name is Simon Miller. He has recently brought suit against his mother-in-law.

Mr. and Mrs. Dion Boucicault are coming to the United States next August with an eight months engagement. It is to be hoped they may visit Pittsburgh.

The Common Council of Cleveland has lately taken a step we should like to see imitated in Pittsburgh. It has passed an ordinance which prohibits the sale and display of indecent publications, for the reason that they are "injurious and annoying, as well as dangerous, offensive and unhealthy to the good morals of our citizens, and especially the younger portion thereof." This action of the Cleveland city fathers is worthy of all praise. Our city is also flooded with a similar sort of contaminating publications, made further attractive by seductive illustrations, which find a considerable circulation among the young of both sexes, carrying with them wherever they go a pestilence as fatal to morals as the miasma of a swamp is fatal to physical health. Their breath is poison, and their touch is death. It is to be hoped the public guardians of our city will turn their attention to the subject at an early date. Such publications ought not to be allowed to enter into any decent community, much less into any Christian city.

THE opinion of General HAZEN that something ought to be done by Congress for the protection of the buffaloes, and to prevent the needless killing of the animals, is also shared by another army officer of high rank, Colonel Brackett, who states that General Hazen's observations are strictly true, and that there is as much honor and danger in killing a Texas steer as there is in killing a buffalo. All the reports about fine sport and good shooting are, he says, mere gammon. It would be equally as good sport, and equally as dangerous, to ride into a herd of tame cattle and commence shooting indiscriminately. The wholesale butchery of buffaloes upon the plains is as needless as it is cruel. Hundreds and hundreds of them have been killed in the most wanton manner, or for their tongues alone. It is probable these representations may induce Congress to give some attention to the matter.

THE attention of the glass manufacturers of Pittsburgh is invited to the consideration of a revolution in glass making which has lately taken place in Finland. Glass has been successfully made from a granite called cupakivi, found there; the composition of which, upon analysis, was found to contain silica, 74 per cent.; feldspar, 15; oxide of iron, 3; lime, 1; alkalies, with traces of magnesia, 9; and this approaching the requirements for the making of glass, an experiment followed in which 500 parts of granite and 200 parts of limestone were melted together. A white glass resulted. The second experiment was with 500 parts of granite, 150 of lime and 75 of soda. This produced a more fusible, but a harder glass.

Owing to the rapid increase in the mails and the establishment of many new postoffices throughout the country, the Postoffice Department finds it necessary, in order to facilitate the distribution and to secure a speedy transmission of the heavy mails now passing, particularly over the trunk lines of railroads, to request of the public that in all cases the name of the county, as well as the postoffice and State, be superscribed upon letters, circulars, newspapers, and other matter to be forwarded by mail. The Postmaster General has therefore issued a circular embodying the above request.

The criminal indictment of the Governor of Texas for fraud by the United States Grand Jury, may be said to be the result of the Republican party, because it was carried out under the direction of the United States Judge, and the jury was composed of seventeen Republicans and only three Democrats.

THE AMERICAN "CASE."

English Opinion as Stated by Thomas Hughes, M. P.—The London "Times" on American Ability and English Want of It.

Perhaps the most forcible, as well as temperate English statement, which has thus far appeared concerning the demand which the "case of the United States" makes for inferential damages in the matter of the Alabama claims, is published in the New York *Tribune*, of Tuesday, in the shape of a letter from that fast and firm friend of the American people and their institutions, Thomas Hughes, M. P., recitative of the reasons why the British people have been startled and astonished out of their equanimity by the shape affairs have lately taken.

Mr. Hughes declares that a settlement on the basis of Mr. Sumner's speech is simply impossible; and he reminds the people of the United States that long before the negotiations of the Commission begun, it was generally admitted on their side that the question was not so much one of pecuniary damage as of outraged sentiment, and that an admission of regret by England for the escape of the Alabama would do more than any payment toward bringing about a healthier state of feeling and an amicable settlement of the various points at issue. He commends the United States Government for claiming the full amount of damages arising from the actual destruction of vessels and their cargoes by the Alabama and her colleagues; and this, he states, was the general feeling of his countrymen at the time immediately preceding the appointment of the Commission, and the general understanding concerning the moral basis of the proposed negotiations.

Mr. Hughes then points out that the enacting part of the treaty itself simply declares that the contracting parties agree that the claims "growing out of acts committed by the aforesaid vessels"—those, namely, which had escaped from British ports—"shall be referred to a tribunal of arbitration." There, the writer argues, the matter ends; and he proceeds to contend that there is not, in the whole treaty, a single word to show that any other claims than those for direct loss are to be referred to the arbitrators; but that, on the contrary, so much of Article XI of the treaty as states that the United States will endeavor to show that Great Britain failed to perform the duties demanded of her as a friendly power, "both general and specifically as to each of the cruisers, and that such failure involved the liability to remunerate the United States for losses thus inflicted"—that is to say by the cruisers—is itself tantamount to a waiver of any claims for constructive damages.

Relative to that portion of the protocol of the Conference which states that "in the hope of an amicable settlement, no estimate was made of the indirect losses, without prejudice, however, to the right of indemnification on their account in the event of no such settlement being made," Mr. Hughes argues that if words have any meaning it also amounts to a specific waiver of indirect damages, for the reason that the treaty which followed the protocol was an "amicable settlement," notwithstanding that such settlement is not final until the award is made. Only in the event of no award being made, he contends, will our Government be justified in reviving the original questions.

With reference to the opinion that the arbitrators will probably refuse to entertain the claims for consequential damages, Mr. Hughes thinks that England cannot afford to risk it. The reference, he points out, is practically to three persons, none of whom speak the English language, one of whom is known to be a very ardent Republican, and is stated to have expressed views upon the case already. If Great Britain allows the issues raised by the United States to go before the Arbitrators, she puts it in their power to fine her in almost any amount. Mr. Hughes does not think any government could consent to this, and is quite sure that ours would not.

In the absence, therefore, of any assurance from the government of the United States that the constructive claims shall not be urged before the tribunal, he concludes that the only course left open for England to pursue is to interpose a preliminary objection to this part of the case, on the ground that she never consented to the reference of these issues to the tribunal, in proof of which there are the protocol and the treaty themselves to show. If the arbitrators were the Judges of the Supreme Court, Mr. Hughes states that he should be well content to let the whole case go before them without protest; but neither himself nor his countrymen can consent to run such a risk in the case of the Geneva tribunal. The letter of Mr. Hughes is, of course, written from a thoroughly English standpoint; but it is cool, clear and dispassionate, and we are quite sure that the people of this country will heartily echo his wish that "time, the great solver, may help both nations through the difficulty, and that neither side may be hounded back by anonymous writers or reckless public men into the dreary swamp and desert from which we have so recently escaped."

GREAT BRITAIN EMBARRASSED.

Astonished at the Care Bestowed on the American Case—Why England Will not Go Before the Arbitrators—No Confidence in Sir Roundell Palmer.

[From the London Times, January 26.]

It is vain to conceal from ourselves that *Great Britain is placed in a very embarrassing position* by the construction of the Washington treaty which the United States government appear to have adopted. We are now informed by our contemporary, the New York *World*, that before the American case was finally drafted in the Department of State, it was sent to eminent publicists throughout the country for suggestions and emendations. This fact alone negatives the supposition, otherwise incredible, that a document of such supreme importance was prepared without full deliberation, and we are bound to suppose that, in the opinion of the United States government, all the points embodied in it are within the jurisdiction of the arbitrators. On the other hand, we are equally bound to disavow this assumption on the part of this country. No doubt it was from an honorable desire to avoid every topic of difference which could possibly be avoided that Lord Ripon and his colleagues failed to insist on an explicit definition of "the claims generally known as the Alabama claims," notwithstanding that Great Britain, and Great Britain alone, was liable to suffer by any vagueness in this essential article. The protocol of May 4, 1871, however, coupled with the provisions of subsequent articles, distinctly implied that every shade of the subject of a separate inquiry, is sufficient to show that Great Britain has been grossly and systematically in laying down the basis of arbitration. Whether claims for indirect losses are admissable in respect of all the vessels comprised in the American list is a question left open by the treaty, and therefore properly cognizable by the arbitrators, who are also perfectly competent to decide on the relevancy of the pre-sumptive argument against Great Britain. But it is not so evident, nor are we prepared to admit, that it is a question for the arbitrators at all whether Great Britain is responsible in damages for the general war expenses incurred by the United States after the battle of Gettysburg. It is certain that, had the intention of the parties been understood on both sides at Washington, *it would have brought the conference to an abrupt conclusion.* Not only would it have been impossible for Great Britain to place on record the expression of regret to which the United States naturally attached so much weight, and to acquiesce in the retrospective application of the new rules; not only must our commissioners have insisted on the right to plead a set-off on account of the Fenian raids and other national injuries, instead of referring the Alabama claims to arbitration by themselves, but it would have been their duty to suspend all further negotiations till a distinct waiver of indirect losses should have been obtained. If it be asked why, nevertheless, the arbitrators should not be invited to decide on their admissibility, the answer is conclusive. Were the judgment of the arbitrators subject to no express limitation of any other kind, it might not be palpably unfair though it would still be incompetent, to leave the measure of liability absolutely indefinite. As it is, the agreement of arbitration is entirely one-sided. No matter how conscientious the arbitrators may consider it to judge our conduct ten years ago by rules framed last year, their award must be governed by those rules, and they are not allowed to consult their own sense of justice. How, then, can it be argued that in estimating the damages, if any, to be paid, they should be relieved of all obligation to follow legal principles common to both the litigant nations, *and invested with a discretionary power to impose on Great Britain a penalty as great as victorious Germany exacted from prostrate France?*

It will be for Her Majesty's government to consider this matter with a care proportioned to its importance before the meeting of Parliament. The public has a right to know whether the American interpretation of the treaty is to be firmly repudiated as inconsistent with the understanding upon which the proposal of arbitration was made, or whether, like the many issues of fact and law raised in the printed cases, it is to be treated as a question for the arbitrators. In the meantime we trust that no effort will be spared to make the British counter-case not merely a crushing forensic reply, but a state paper worthy of this country. It is lamentable to confess that while the British nation is so rich in the combination of literary with political and legal ability, no other is so negligent of form in public documents, not even excluding those in which form as to necessary to effect as substance. The conciseness of Queen's speeches is, of course, proverbial, but Englishmen are tolerant of them from long familiarity, and never think of measuring either the scholarship or statesmanship of the Cabinet by the loose official style in which its policy for the year is announced. With dispatches and other papers which are to be read by foreign governments and nations it is far otherwise. There powerful and lucid statement is of the highest value, and English diplomacy would assuredly have been more influential of late had Lord Palmerston's successors been masters of as vigorous a style as himself. The curtness and inwardness of Lord Russell's notes to Mr. Adams helped to embitter the early stages of the Alabama dispute; the want of precise expression in the Washington treaty may perpetuate the very difficulties which it was to have extinguished. Whatever be the faults of the American case, and they are neither few nor slight, no one can deny that *it possesses the virtues of clearness and concentration in no ordinary degree*, being only diffuse where the object is to prejudice the issue by dragging in extraneous considerations. In this last respect the British case may be favorably compared with it, being encumbered with no gratuitous aspersions on the United States government, but in arrangement, and what publishers call "readableness," it leaves much to be desired. Now, it is no disparagement of the confidence reposed in the arbitrators to suppose that it will be of advantage to lay our argument before them in the weightiest and tersest form of which it admits. Three of them are represented to be very imperfectly acquainted, to say the least, with the English language, and the American case is said to have been already printed in French and Portuguese. We cannot doubt that similar translations of the English case and reply will be executed, but this will be of little avail unless the originals are as perfect as they can be made, both from a legal and from a literary point of view. Nor is this all which may fairly be expected from her Majesty's government where national interests of such magnitude are at stake. The Washington treaty provides that "each of the high contracting parties shall name one person to attend the tribunal as its agent, to represent it generally in all matters connected with the arbitration." This agent is, within two months after the delivery of the counter case, to put in a statement of the points and evidence on which this Government means to rely, and to furnish such elucidations of them, orally or in writing, as the arbitrators may require. Sir Roundell Palmer has accordingly been named agent for Great Britain, while Mr. Evarts, the eminent American jurist, who has just left London, is engaged in a like capacity for the United States. Few will dispute the pre-eminent qualifications of Sir Roundell Palmer for the service this assigned to him, and if he were no less free than Mr. Evarts to employ his whole time for the next few months in getting up his brief, instead of having the largest practice at the bar, with the addition of Parliamentary work, we should feel that the cause of her Majesty's government was quite safe in his hands. Without pretending to know what arrangements may have been made by the government with this view, we think it right to point out that *not even the singular capacity of Sir Roundell Palmer can possibly counteract the disadvantages at which Great Britain will be practically placed if her advocate goes to Geneva so grievously handicapped.* It is not enough to have a good answer, legal and moral, to all the charges which appear to us material. The American case warns us that Great Britain will be called upon to meet charges which appear to us entirely wide of the issues, but which may not appear so to an unread tribunal of lawyers and diplomatists with powers very loosely defined, and it behooves the government to overlook nothing which can strengthen its defence and secure a righteous award.

The American Case Compiled With Boldness and Ingenuity—The Line of Argument Supported by a Host of English Authorities.

[From the London Morning Post, January 27.]

Stated concisely, the gist of the argument advanced on the part of the United States is that the law of nations is part of the common law of England; that the recommendations made by the royal commission appointed to report on the neutrality laws were made with the view of bringing the municipal law "into full conformity with the international obligations of England;" that the new Foreign Enlistment act passed in 1870 was a few months after it was passed declared by Sir R. Phillimore, in the case of the "International," to have been drawn so as to enable the country—that is to say, the Executive—more easily to fulfill its international obligations; the inference from all which being that as the municipal law is simply declaratory of the law of nations, the tribunal may look, and ought to look, at an English statute passed at the outbreak of the recent war between France and Germany, in order to ascertain what were the neutral obligations imposed upon Great Britain during the American civil war of 1861-65. *It must be confessed this line of argument is bold and ingenious, and reflects an little credit on those who compiled the American case*; and it must also be admitted that the contention is apparently supported by a host of authorities exclusively English. Mansfield, Blackwell, Talbot, Tenterden and Lord Blackstone are in turn called to witness that the law of nations is part of the common law of England, and a dictum of Lord Stowell is cited to show that while an act of Parliament may affirm the law of nations it cannot contradict it or disaffirm it so as to prejudice a foreign state. Inasmuch, therefore as the Foreign Enlistment act of 1871 was intended to enable the British government to discharge obligations already recognized by international law and by the common law of the realm, that statute may be used, as far as it goes, for the purpose of defining the neutral duties of Great Britain, without giving, however, to still further duties being shown to flow from the general canons of international law.

Whence these Tears.

[From the Springfield Republican.]

Ever since the American public heard, with much surprise, of the English exasperation about the Geneva Conference and its possible results, our people have been trying to find out what it all meant. Brother Jonathan is afflicted by the first explanation, that it is because we claim "consequential damages," much as the judge was when a widow under cross-examination explained that she broke down and began to sob because she "lost the best husband that ever a woman had, in t-twenty years ago, and could not restrain her feelings and longer." If John Bull has been hearing about these damages ever since 1868, when Mr. Sumner and Mr. Colfax first reminded him that a bill would be sent in, he ought to be able to bear the mention of them now, for lawyer's brief, without going into a hysterical passion. There must be something more than merely this claim, which is put forward incidentally, and which the arbitrators can throw out as they will if it is so absurd as Mr. Gladstone alleges. * * * They not only find the treaty a more severe application of international law than England is yet prepared to accept, but their every past record is brought up before them in the "case," with a firm and fatal directness which savors more of the profound justice than of the diplomatic council chamber, evidence, argument and appeal combined; and it has much the effect, among diplomatic generalities and English traditions, that a small but practical active bomb shell would have in a basket full of foot balls. And much of the English outcry, as has been suggested, has been for the purpose of putting out or turning off the fuse of this Yankee bomb-shell, before it explodes and scatters arbitration to the four winds.

Nothing to Raise a Fuss About.

[From the Boston Post.]

The text of the American "case," which was framed with great skill and collaborated with care by men distinguished for their knowledge of the priciples and practices of international law, covers no such monstrous claims as might be inferred from the boisterous denunciations of the English press. * * * The treaty lays down certain rules for the guidance of the arbitrators, and they cannot go behind them. They have nothing to do even with the reason of those rules, but only with their authority. That is final, and the treaty provides that, in some others the Court of Arbitration is a quasi-judicial body. Whatever portion of the "case" which we present may fail to come within the limitation of those established rules cannot be considered by the court; and that is all there is to it.

The American Case Approved by the Counsel.

A Washington correspondent has been permitted to make the following extracts of letters received five or six weeks ago by the Secretary of State:

"WASHINGTON, January 3, 1872.—SIR: I have noted in some of the public journals, with expressions of surprise, comments on the "case" of the United States, prepared for presentation to the tribunal of arbitration organized under the treaty of Washington, is unsatisfactory in itself or in the view of the counsel for the government.

"But there is, in my judgment, no cause whatever to find fault with the "case" as prepared by Mr. Davis. On the contrary, it is, in my opinion, a most able, thorough, complete, learned and effective exposition of the claims of the United States against Great Britain referred to the tribunal of arbitration, worthy, in all respects, of the object, and honorable alike to its immediate author, to the department and to the government. I have uniformly expressed this opinion on all occasions and to all persons where the subject came in question.

"It is the more incumbent on me to say this, seeing that, although not consulted as to the conception and plan of the 'case,' or the line of topics to be discussed, but it was submitted to me partly in the original manuscript, and partly in the proof sheets; such modifications of, or additions to the work, as it occurred to me to suggest were made, and it received, as a whole, my hearty approbation prior to its transmission to Geneva.

"I have the honor to be, very respectfully,

"C. CUSHING.

"Hon. Hamilton Fish, &c."

[Extract.]

"NEW YORK, December 25, 1871.—*My Dear Sir*: I am much obliged to you for your kindness in bringing to my attention the 'rumor' respecting supposed expressins on my part of dissatisfaction with the 'case' of the government, as submitted to the tribunal at Geneva, and which you speak of in your letter of 22d instant, as being current in Washington.

"I have never expressed to * * * or to any one else any dissatisfaction with the 'case' of the United States, as prepared and submitted to the Tribunal of Arbitration. If I had found any reason to think it inadequate or faulty in any respect, it would have been my duty to have made any criticisms upon it that seemed to me useful, to yourself and my colleagues, and I should have done so. In such case, I should have thought it either suitable or useful to express or intimate any disapproval of it to others. But my examination of the 'case' satisfied me of its ability and completeness, and I have expressed myself, spontaneously and emphatically, to you and to my colleagues.

"I am, yours very truly,

"WILLIAM M. EVARTS."

In its weekly review of the anthracite coal trade in the Schuylkill region the last number of the *Miner's Journal* says that everybody says he can be preparing to work to the best advantage and as cheap as possible this year, without incurring any extra expenses if possible, knowing that the price of coal will rule low, even if those traitors to home labor and industry should fail in their treasonable efforts to destroy this traffic. If they should succeed in checking home production the effect on the coal trade would be lamentable indeed. It would be worse than in 1861, when prices were so low that the wages paid to miners and laborers were not sufficient to secure proper food to enable them to do a day's work.

THE HASSLER EXPEDITION.

Another Letter From Professor Agassiz.

The Hassler expedition is quietly progressing—its famous body of savans continuing busily engaged in studying the marvels of Father Ocean. The latest letter from the expedition is from Professor Agassiz himself, who writes from Pernambuco to Professor Pierce, Superintendent of the Coast Survey. The results of the deep sea dredging made off the Barbadoes would seem somewhat to favor the conclusions drawn from the results of similar dredgings made in the Atlantic and Mediterranean by Dr. Carpenter and other scientists two or three years ago, who asserted that we were living in a "cretaceous" period, which was popularly supposed to be long past. Agassiz found alive in his nets at the bottom of the sea off Barbadoes a number of species supposed to have been for ages extinct, and now existing only as fossils. The great naturalist, however, does not agree with Dr. Carpenter in his "cretaceous" views. He says: "But there is nothing in all this which warrants the conclusion that any of the animals now living are lineal descendants of those of earliest ages. Nor does this similarity, to those of earlier periods, justify the statement that the cretaceous formation is still existant. It would be just as true to venture to say that the tertiaries are contained in the tropics, on account of the similarity of the miocene mammalia and those of the torrid zone." While the phraseology of the latter is perhaps too scientific to render it particularly interesting to the general reader, those who take an interest in theological and biological science will find it admirably worthy of perusal.

Mr. Henry Faxon, of Quincy, Massachusetts, offers to donate five thousand dollars to the town, for distribution among the poor and suffering residents, if a temperance board of town officers is elected.

All the Year Round.

And in all parts of the world, the elements of disease are present in the air, the soil and the water, in a greater or less degree, and therefore the *Great Vegetable Antidote* to these invisible enemies of health, Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, is invaluable as a household medicine at all seasons and in every latitude. At no period of the year is a regulating and corrective medicine more needed than toward the close of winter, when the sun and rain are beginning to break up the winter blockade, and from the softening soil arises that terrible miasma, which weighs like an incubus upon the vital machinery, and depresses the animal spirits. It is then that the seeds of intermittent and remittent fevers, of rheumatism and rheumatic gout, of obstinate stomach complaints, of disorders of the liver and bowels, and a whole host of pulmonary and nervous complaints are sown.

The best, the surest way to prevent this disastrous *seeding* is to invigorate and refresh the system with a course of these Bitters. If this precaution be taken *now*, there will be no danger of the miasmatic germs taking root in the fluids and tissues of the body, and bringing forth terrible fruit in the spring. Now is the time for prevention. Remember that vigor is the only safeguard against the virus of the disease, and that Hostetter's bitters is the purest, the safest, the most powerful and perfect invigorant ever administered, either as protective medicine or a remedy. A change of season approaches which almost always proves more or less disastrous to persons of a week nervous organization. Brace up at once with the leading tonic of the age. Purge from the blood all morbid matter, strengthen the nerves and regulate and purify the secretions with the Vegetable Elixir, which combines the juices of the finest medicinal roots, herbs and barks, with the most wholesome of all diffusive stimulants.

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JOHN H. BAILEY, Assignee,
7th Allegheny, Pa., 89 Grant street.

U. S. MARSHAL'S OFFICE, W. D. OF PENNSYLVANIA,
Pittsburgh, February 13, 1872.

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE THAT ON the 10th day of February, A. D., 1871, a Warrant in Bankruptcy was issued against the Estate of THOMAS F. GRUBBS,

Of Allegheny city, in the county of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, who has been adjudged a Bankrupt on his own petition; that the payment of any debts and delivery of any property belonging to such Bankrupt, to him or for his use, and the transfer of any property by him, are forbidden by law; that a Meeting of the Creditors of the said Bankrupt, to prove their debts, and to choose one or more Assignees of his Estate, will be held at a Court of Bankruptcy, to be holden at the office of the Register, No. 93 DIAMOND STREET, in the city of Pittsburgh, before SAMUEL HARPER, Esq., Register, on the 4TH DAY OF MARCH, A. D. 1872, at 10 o'clock A. M.

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FINANCE AND TRADE

WEDNESDAY, February 14th, 1872.

The money market is more plentifully furnished with currency than it has been for some days past, and the present interest rates for loans and discounts are a little easier than when last reported. The demand for credits is freely responded to by banks and private lenders on good security. In general trade circles there is considerable more activity than of late, but heretofore business has not unusually been very lively during the first month of the year, prior to the opening of the spring trade.

Two important criticisms have becnmade from the beginning of this Administration upon the management of the public debt, and both are proving in favor with the people. The first is to bond purchases of the Government ought to prefer interest bearing obligations, and should withdraw them in preference to the non-interest bearing, and that we should buy up those bonds having the highest rate of interest. Both these have been embodied by Mr. Boutwell in his policy and they are not only popular but in accordance with strict economy. He has been urged, and the law allows it, to buy up Ten-Forties instead of Five twenties, but the Secretary has wisely refused to do so. Although the latter have advanced above par in gold, he has preferred to diminish his purchases and await results. The Treasurer receives bids for two million Five-twenties to-day.

—Messrs. Ira B. McVay & Co. report the following quotations of Government bonds in New York to-day, as furnished them by Jay Cooke & Co., their correspondents:

	Morning.	Noon.	Closing.
U. S. Bonds of 1881	115¾	115	115¾
U. S. Bonds of 1864	110¾	110½	110¾
U. S. Bonds of 1865	110¾	110½	110¾
U. S. Bonds of 1865 (new)	110¾	110½	110¾
U. S. Bonds of 1867	111⅝	111½	111¾
U. S. Bonds of 1868	112¼	112	112¼
10-40s	110¾	110½	110¾
New 5s	110¾	110½	110¾
Sol's	114⅝	114½	114¾
Currency 6s			

—James T. Brady & Co., corner of Fourth avenue and Wood street, quote United States securities in New York to-day as follows:

Sold	115¾
United States 6s of 1881	115¾
United States 5-20s of 1864	110¾
United States 5-20s of 1865	110¾
United States 5-20s of 1865	110¾
United States 10-40s	110¾
United States 5-20s, January and July, 1865	110¾
United States 5-20s, January and July, 1867	111⅝
United States 5-20s, January and July, 1868	112¼
Union Pacific Railroad	
Currency Pacific	114¾

—The following table shows the prices of railway stocks, gold, etc., at the various sessions of the New York Stock Exchange during the day:

February 14, 1872.	10:30 M.	11:30 A.M.	12:30 P.M.	1:30 P.M.	2:30 P.M.	3:00 P.M.
Gold	110¾	110¾	110¾	110¾	110¾	110¾
Canton	71¾	71	71	71	71	71
Nest'n Union Tel	77¾	77¾	77¾	77¾	77¾	77¾
Quicksilver						
Pacific Mail	58¾	58¾	58¾	58¾	58¾	58¾
Atlantic Express		64	64	64		
Wells Fargo Ex	64	64	64	64		
American Express	64	64	64	64		
United States Ex		64	64	64		
New Central	97¾	97¾	97¾	97¾	97¾	97¾
N. Y. Central scrip	90¾	90¾	90¾	90¾	90¾	90¾
Erie	21¾	21¾	21¾	21¾	21¾	21¾
Reading	113¾	113¾	113¾	113¾	113¾	113¾
Michigan Central	93	93	93	93		
Michigan Southern						
Illinois Central						
Cleveland & Pittsburg						
Chicago & Rock Island						
Pittsburg & Fort Wayne						
Western Union Tel	85¾	85¾	85¾	85¾	85¾	85¾
Ohio & Mississippi	34¾	34¾	34¾	34¾	34¾	34¾
Toledo & Wabash						
Terre Haute						
Terre Haute, pref						
Fort Wayne						
Ohio & Mississippi certificates						2.15
Boston, Hartford & Erie						25¾
Tennessee State bonds						65¾
Do. new						63¾
South Carolina, July						57¾
South Carolina, April						57¾
Missouri State						

—Resolutions have been introduced in the South Carolina Legislature declaring valid all State bonds of South Carolina included in the Treasurer's report of October 31, 1871, and pledging anew the faith and credit of the State for their redemption, prohibiting any further issue of bonds for any purpose whatever, unless sanctioned by a direct two-thirds vote of the people of the State, and to adjust and liquidate all loans heretofore effected for the State by the financial agent in New York. A bill has passed in the senate, and is pending in the House, enforcing the collection within ninety days of over-due taxes, resulting in $1,100,000, and a new tax of $4,000,000 is to be levied to pay the interest on the State debt.

—A plan has been commended by which the present extensive counterfeiting of national bank notes may be arrested to some extent. It suggests a sort of combination of the old system of State banks and the national system, in so far as the matter of engraving is concerned. By it, it is proposed that the federal Government, instead of engraving both sides of the bill, as now, shall furnish the plate for the back side only, preserving the same designs as at present, and merely transferring the words, This note is secured by bonds of the United States deposited with the United States Treasurer at Washington," together with the signatures and the treasury seal. Each bank will then provide its own plates for engraving the face, in the different bank days, each one using one of its own designs. The additional expense entailed upon the banks would be more than covered by the diminished risk of counterfeiting, while the universal circulation of the notes would be in no way disturbed, as the United States guarantee still final as upon them, and the banking principle is not altered. The advantages of the plan are certainly great, since not only would counterfeiting be rendered more difficult, but a spurious bill would be far more easily detected and more extensively advertised. A considerable expenditure would also be saved to the Government.

—Messrs. Bowen & Fox, brokers and members of the Philadelphia Stock Exchange, furnish the following quotations of the closing prices to-day of the most active stocks:

State's Central	62½	Lehigh Valley R. R.	62½
Phila. and Erie	26	North Penna R. R.	59
Lehigh Navigation	49	Camden and Amboy	126
Catawissa	46	Schuylkill Navigation	17
Creek & Allen's R.	46½	Reading	56½

PRODUCE AND GENERAL MARKETS.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH COMMERCIAL, WEDNESDAY, February 14, 1872.

REMARKS.—The weather has "gone back" upon those who hoped for an early resumption of navigation. Early on Tuesday night it blew up cold, and remains so at the present writing, late Wednesday evening. During the day it has been cold and blustery, which rendered business on the streets very unpleasant. When the ice "breaks up" and navigation is resumed, we will make a note of it, but shall make no more prophecies. The markets are firm, steady, and generally unchanged.

The following are the receipts of the leading articles of produce for the past two weeks:

	Last week.	This week.	Total.
Flour, bbls	3,693	4,916	8,609
Apples, bbls	1,809	2,202	4,091
Cheese, boxes	541		541
Corn, sacks	4,620	4,186	8,806
Wheat, sacks	1,838	5,073	6,911
Barley, sacks	1,419	2,696	4,115
Rye, sacks	1,475	1,194	2,669
Oats, sacks	12,122	9,896	22,018
Butter, packages	249	386	635
Bacon, pieces	11,843	5,554	16,397
Bacon, hams	353	132	485

Following are the wholesale prices unless otherwise noted:

APPLES—Demand fair; prime eating and cooking, $4 50@5 00 ₱ bbl; fair $4 00@4 25; common $3 00@3 50; fancy are held at $5@5 50. Receipts 490 bbls.

ASHES—Demand moderate; sales soda-ash, refined, 4½@4¾c; common 4@4½c; potash 9¼@10c; pearls 9¼@10c ₱ lb.

BUTTER—The demand is more active with sales of prime at 40@50c ₱ gallon; inferior grades quite low.

BEANS—We are reported a fair demand for Navy at $2 @2 50 ₱ bush.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—Demand active, with sales at $3@3 50 ₱ 100 lbs; $5 75@6 00 ₱ bbl.

BROOM CORN—There is a limited demand, with sales at 7½@8c ₱ lb.

BROOMS—Market quiet and unchanged. We quote fancy at $4 50; No. 1, $4 00; No. 2 $3 50; No. 3, $2 75; common, $2 50@2 75.

BAKING POWDER—Royal ½-lb cans $1 50 per doz; ¼-lb cans $3 per dozen; 1-lb cans $6 00 per dozen; Banner $1 75, $3 25 and $6 00 per dozen for the different sizes.

CHEESE—Receipts 136 packages. The supply of prime is below the demand and is held firmly at 15@15½c ₱ lb; medium 10 to common 12@14c; chickens 13@15c.

CANVASS AND PROVISIONS—The market is quiet, firm and unchanged in prices. Receipts of bacon, pieces, 9,554; tierces, 30. We quote as follows: Sugar-cured hams 12¾@13c; sugar-cured shoulders 8¾c; plain do 7¾c; rib sides 8c; clear rib do 8¾@9c; clear 9c; breakfast bacon 11c; dried beef 16@17c; mess pork $15; hog sausage 11c; lard in tierces 9¾c for steamed, 9½c for kettle; 10c; lard in kegs and boxes 10½@11c; pigs' feet per keg $2 25.

CIDER—Sales of XXX at $13 00 per bbl; large barrels $11 00@12 00; extra cured $9 00@10 00.

CREESE—Receipts 187 boxes. Prices are firm at the following figures: New York factory at 16a 16¾c; Ohio do 15a15½c; Ohio factory 14@14½c; dairy 15a15½c.

CANDLES—Mould, 11c; stearine, 14 ounces, 13½c; full weight, 16c; star, 14 ounces, 18c; full weight, 19½c.

CONCENTRATED LYE—Sales at $6 00 for Pennsylvania; other brands $5 00@5 75 ₱ box.

CARBON OIL—Standard brands at 21¾@22c. Demand active.

CRANBERRIES—We are reported a fair demand at the following rates: Sackett's Bell berries $17 00a 18 00 ₱ bbl; Jersey, cultivated, $12 00@13 00.

CEMENT—Market unchanged. We quote: Beesonite Phœnix ₱ bbl, $2 50; Johnston $2 25; Rosendale $4 00@4 50; Calcined plaster $4 50; Land plaster, $2 50@2 75 ₱ ton.

DRESSED HOGS—Supply light and prices nominally 5@5½c ₱ lb. Market dull.

FRUITS—DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN—There is an increased demand, and we quote as follows: Dried apples 7a7½c; peaches, brighter new, 9@10c; old 8@8½c; mixed 7¾@8c; quarters 5a5½c; currants, new crop, 16c; old 8c; raver raisins, per box, $3 90; half box $2; Valencia do 13c; prunes 12½c for new.

EGGS.—Strictly fresh are in demand and command 34@35c ₱ dozen; salted 18@20c. Receipts slightly on the increase, though as yet short of the demands of the trade.

FLOUR.—As reported yesterday there has been an advance in mill rates. We are also reported an advance on some brands Western flour and in store which we note below. Receipts since our last 838 bbls. Following are the current quotations of the market: Mills—National, white wheat, bbls $6 90; Pan Handle, southern amber, ½ bbl $7 00; Morning Glory, red winter, bbls $7 00. The usual reduction in sacks. Store: amber $ @5 ₱ bbl; Snow Flake $6 00; Eagle Mills $7 50; Lily $7 50; Crossett's $7 25; Island $7 75. Country brands are held firmly at $6 @6 50.

FEATHERS—We are reported a fair demand, with sales of No. 1 live geese at 67a68c to the trade; store sales; mixed 64@65c; poor 60@62c.

GROCERIES—We are reported an active market at unchanged prices, and continue to quote as follows: Coffee—Rio, prime 19c; good 18c; fair 17c. Sugar—New Orleans sugars, fair, 9¾c; good 10c; prime 10½c; choice 11c.

Syrups—Havemeyer & Elder 65c; H. & E. Extra 70c; Whole Honey 65c; Extra Honey 55c; Red Head 55c; Lavender 45c; common 35a40c.

New Orleans Molasses—New crop, prime, 56c; choice 62c.

Rice—Carolina choice 10c; Rangoon 8a8½c; Patna 8¾c.

Spices—Pepper grain 24c; pure ground 30c; Cassia bark, 30c; cloves 42c; nutmegs $1 30.

GRAIN—Below we give the receipts of wheat, rye, corn, oats and barley for the past forty-eight hours:

Wheat, sacks	984	Corn, sacks	888
Oats, sacks	2,018	Rye, sacks	206
Barley, sacks	1,437		

The receipts continue light, which causes prices to rule firm. We do not change our quotations for wheat, and continue to quote red winter at $1 52a1 56, and white at 1 53 cents better; per car load lots, with the usual advance for small. jobbing lots. Oats—There is a fair demand, with sales by car load at 45c, and in a jobbing way at 50a55c. Corn—Shelled is held on track at 56a56c; in canaller, free, 65c; bulk ear is offered at 55a56c; 65a66c in a jobbing way. Rye is in limited supply and is held at 90c@ $ bush. Barley—Nominal and as follows; spring 75a80c; fall 85a86c; inferior dull at 75c.

HAY—Receipts light and prices firm at $20a25 ₱ ton for baled by car load.

HOPS—Supply limited and prices firm. New 75a 80c ₱ lb; old 70a 80c ₱ lb.

HIDES—In good demand at 9¾a9¾c.

HONEY—Sales at 45a50c ₱ lb. Demand limited.

HEMP—Sales of rough Kentucky at $165 ₱ ton; single dressed $240; scutched $290a300.

HORSES—$200 ₱ head to the trade, and $5 50 in a jobbing way.

LARD OIL—Demand active, with sales of No 1 extra at 85a86c; No 2, 62a66c; Cincinnati and Chicago winter strained 80@90c.

LIME—Perrysburgh white $2a2 25 ₱ bbl; Cleveland $2 25; Easton $1 75; Belfast white $1 50.

LEAD PIPE—Middlings $1 80a2 ₱ cwt; seconds $1 45 a1 75; shorts $1; rye shorts $1 70; chopped corn and oats $1 70; chopped rye $2 00; corn meal $1 75 ₱ cwt.

MINCE MEAT—All good brands are held at 13c per lb.

POULTRY—Sales at the following figures: Dressed turkeys 18a19c; chicks 15a16c; geese 10a11c; chickens 12a13c. A few live turkeys in market, and may be quoted at $1 00a1 25.

POTATOES—Prime peachblows in demand at 75a75c ₱ bush.

RAGS—Paper inquiry at 4a4½c ₱ lb.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER—Sales of ½-lb cans at $1 25; 1-lb cans $2; 5-lb at $9 00a.

SEEDS—Clover seed $6 50a6 75; timothy seed $3 75 a4 00.

SALT—Car load $1 85; store $2 00.

SUMAC—Sales of Tennessee made at 4½c ₱ lb.

TALLOW—Sales Saltz, 9c.

WILLOWS—Sales Kentucky at 10c.

WHISKY—Highwines held at common rectified 95c; proof rectified $1 05a1 10; rye and corn $1 00a1 05 ₱ gallon; old Monongahela whisky $4 00 a5 00 as to age.

PITTSBURGH OIL TRADE.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH COMMERCIAL, WEDNESDAY, February 14, 1872.

REMARKS.—The market remains quiet, being entirely devoid of animation. Buyers and sellers are apart in their views, with no immediate indication of coming to a proper understanding. In the absence of sales we can only give the rates at which oil can be obtained.

CRUDE.

Oil was freely offered at the following: Spot, 10c; February, 10c; S. O. all year, 10c; B. O. all year, 12c. For terms in the oil regions see our dispatches.

REFINED.

Dealers being apart in their views we dib not learn of any sales. It was offered deliverable in the east at the following: Spot, 21¼c; February, 21 9-16c; March, 22¼c; April, 22¾c.

[By Western Union Telegraph.]

TITUSVILLE, February 14.—The *Courier* says: Again we have had another dull day. There is no particular change on upper or lower roads. Business is light, and the market continues weak. Following are the

SALES:

1,000 bbls upper road, spot	37c
3,000 bbls upper road, S.O., 1st quarter	37c
2,000 bbls upper road, B.O., 1st quarter	90
500 bbls upper road, spot	37¾c
1,000 bbls upper road, spot	37c
500 bbls Church Run	3 80
500 bbls Church Run	4 00
1,000 bbls lower road, R.O.	3 85
4,000 bbls lower road, spot	3 9⅛
1,500 bbls Oil City, spot	4 00

1,000 bbls lower road, R.O., 5 days, 3 85
1,000 bbls lower road, spot, 3 9⅛

—*Petroleum Age.*

PITTSBURGH LIVE STOCK MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH COMMERCIAL, WEDNESDAY, February 14, 1872.

Cattle.

The receipts of cattle so far have been fair and in quality are better than last week. Advices from the East continue favorable and the market is moderately active, sales being made at figures ¼c higher. At this time it looks as if the run for the week would not be heavy; if such turns out to be the case trade would be steady at the ¼c advance, as to-day the market is very firm, with no prospect of a decline. The following are the rates current for the different grades and kinds: Extra, 1,200 to 1,500 pound steers, $6 12 to 6 20; prime, 1,100 to 1,200 lbs steers, $5 50 to 6 00; common to medium, 1,000 to 1,100 lbs $4 75 to 5 25; bulls, $2 75 to $3 50; cows, heifers, &c., $3 50 to 4 75; Stockers $4 50 to 4 75.

Hogs.

The receipts for hogs fair of those of common grades, and light extra tops. The market on prime Philadelphia remains firm and steady with no quotable changes since our last report. On Yorkers the feeling is better. The change in the weather has had a favorable effect on trade, and to-day the market is active at prices from 5c to 10c higher than have ruled for the last few days. This evening the market closed firm on all grades with the demand fairly up to the supply. Following are the rates current for the different grades and kinds: Extra Philadelphia $5 50a5 75; prime Philadelphia $5 25a 5 45; prime Yorkers $4 60a4 85; common $4 50.

Sheep.

The arrivals of sheep so far have been fair. The market to-day was firm and steady on prime grades, with a good demand for all the offerings. On the more common grades the feeling was not so good, and buyers wanted to purchase at lower figures. Concessions on common were made to the extent of from ¼c to ½c from the rates offered sales. To-night the market closed firm on the best grades, with a demand fully up to the offerings. Following are the current rates for the different kinds as bought and sold here: Extra, 100 to 110 lbs, 7c; 90 to 100 pounds, 6½ to 90 lbs, $6 75a7 50; medium, 80 to 85 lbs, $6 75a6 25; common, $5 00a5 25; scalawags, $2 00.

IRON MARKETS.

CINCINNATI.

FEBRUARY 13.—We have still to report a very firm market for all grades of pig iron, but the only change we have to note in prices is an a ivance of $1 per ton on No. 1 hot blast foundry. Bar iron is a shade higher. We quote:

HOT BLAST CHARCOAL.

No. 1 foundry	$44@45	No. 1 mill	$40@41
No. 2 foundry	42@44		

COLD BLAST CHARCOAL.

Missouri	$50@55	Car-wheel	$38@40
	STONE COAL IRON.		
No. 1 foundry	$38@44	Forge	$30@40
No. 2 foundry	40@42		

CHARCOAL BLOOMS PER TON.

Charcoal	$90@95

SCRAP IRON.

Cast	$1 90@1 50	Wrought	$1 60@2 00

BAR IRON.

Common ₱ 2	4 1-10	Charcoal	5 3-10

SHOES PER KEG.

Horse shoes, $5 50@5 75; mule shoes, $6 50@6 75

Nails—The market is firm at the advance noticed one week ago. Stocks are light and the demand fair. We quote:

6d to 10d	0 00@4 75	3d	$6 25@0 00
8d to 9d	0 00@5 00	2d	7 50@0 00
6d to 7d	0 00@5 25	5d, f. b.	7 50@0 00
4d to 6d	$5 50@0 00	Spikes, cut	0 00@0 00

—*Enquirer.*

LOUISVILLE.

FEBRUARY 13.—The week closes on a quiet and firm market, with no changes worth noting. Trade has been moderately fair, but no unusual demand.

Pig Iron—The market is very firm, with small receipts:

Hanging Rock, No. 1 foundry, charcoal,
Hanging Rock, No. 2, charcoal,
Hanging Rock, mill,
Western stone coal, No 1
Western stone coal, No 2
Western stone coal, mill
St. Louis stone coal, No 1
St. Louis stone coal, No 2
St. Louis stone coal, mill
Tennessee No 1 foundry
Tennessee No 2 foundry
Tennessee mill
Cold-blast charcoal, car-wheel, Hecla, and Red river
Coal blast Tennessee
Nails—Prices are firm; 10d nails, fence and brads at $4 75a5 00 rates; all other sizes in proportion.
—*Courier-Journal.*

Receipts of Iron at St. Louis

For the week ending Saturday, February 10, 1872:

	Ore tons.	Pig iron tons.
St. Louis and Iron Mountain	1,508	216
Atlantic and Pacific	80	130
St. L., Van., T. H. and Ind. R. R.		30
St. Louis, T. H. and Ind R. R.		150
Chicago A. and St. Louis R. R.		20
Ohio and Mississippi R. R.		50
Total tons	1,588	450

—*St. Louis Republican.*

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

Chicago Market.

CHICAGO, February 14, 1872.

FLOUR—In active demand for all grades, and market strongest all around; for good spring extras and xxpers fully 10c better was obtained than a week ago.

GRAIN—Wheat active and advanced; the trade was most especially active; No. 2 spring $1 29¾; No 3 $1 15; seller March $1 26¾. Corn firm: No 2 mixed 40¾c; car 40c on track; seller March 40¾. Oats steady; No 2 32¾c; seller March 33¼c. Rye firm; No 2 72c. Barley quiet and unchanged; No 2 fall 58@59c; seller March 59¾c.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork dull and a shade lower, at $12 22½@0 00; seller March $12 5. Lard dull at 7¾c; seller March 8.30. Bulk meats firm and unchanged.

HOGS—Advanced; extreme range $4 30@4 85, with the bulk of sales at $4 40@4 56; all will be sold. Dressed in active demand at $5 for good lots and heavy, and $5 05 for choice shipping lots.

CATTLE—Dull and unchanged; shippers are buying sparingly, as they are unable to find profitable portation cast; $4 50a5 50 for common to fair grades, $5 75a6 60 for choice, and $6 25a6 75 for extra fat shipping grades.

WHISKY—Sc.

6 P. M.—The grain market closed dull and weak. Wheat $1 26¾ at 26¾ for March. Corn closed at 40@40¾c cash, and 40¾@40¾c seller the month.

New York Market.

NEW YORK, February 14.—Cotton unchanged; limited selling upland 22¾c. Four firmer and more active; superfine western $5 45a5 60; extra western $5 65a5 80; good extra $6 05a6 85; good to choice $6 85a7 45; extra Ohio $6 75a7 45. Rye flour steady. Corn meal unchanged. Whisky dull at 90c. Wheat—Spring advanced; inferior mixed spring $1 42; No 2 spring Chicago $1 50; No 1 do $1 60a1 63¼; winter red western $1 76. Rye dull; western sellers at 95c; buyers at 90c; Barley in fair request. Malt quiet at 1 00a1 05. Oats heavy and lower; new western and Ohio 52a54c. Eggs firm at 30a32c. Beef quiet and unchanged. Cut meats steady; hams 8¾@9¾c; middles firm; long clear 7¾a7¾c. Lard more active; No 1 to prime steam 9¼a9¾c; kettle 9¾c. Butter—western 24@28c. Cheese quiet at 12a13c.

New York Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, February 14.—In the dry goods market a fair business is doing in staple textures at the advance already established: Pacific Mills printed calicoes at 11½c; Organdies at 15c; 1,400 lawns 15c; S. S Slater super cambrics 12c for plain, and 14c for fancy; 1,000 American prints 12c for fancy green, orange, pinks and checks, 11¾c; Cocheco fancy do 12c; do robe prints 11¾c; Lawrence B Brown sheetings 14c; Lyman 7-8 do 12½c; Indian Head do 14½c; do 40-inch 16½c; do 36-inch 12c; Bates O Tubacloth muslins 10c; do T do 12c; Davol Mills 12c; Dwight Star do 16c; do cambric do 12c; New York Mills do 22c; 1,000 pieces 4-4 B S-4 bleached sheetings 37½c; do 9-4 do 42½c; do 10-4 do 47½c; Amoskeag ticklings 18c; D, Dp, Dpp, and the rest for A A; Hamilton ticks 22c; Blackburn Sheets 14½c, and Indian Orchard do 13½c.

Buffalo Cattle Market.

BUFFALO, February 14.—Cattle—receipts but one car, making the supply since Friday 2,977 head, or 175 cars, against 274 last week. The run being very light, the market is active and strong, at about a shade better for common, and from ¼ to ¾c better for good than last week. Sales 417 Illinois steers at 5c 12½; 29 prime Illinois of 1,426 lbs at $7 12½; 105 Canada mixed of 1,111 to 1,478 lbs at $5 75. Indiana 1,250 to 1,342 lbs at $6 00a6 25; 52 Ohio steers of 1,175 lbs at $6 25; 50 Illinois 50; 15 prime Michigan steers of 1,569 lbs at $7. Sheep—receipts since Friday 8,705; market 25c lower. Lambs—Canada and western than last week; sales 923 Canada sheep and lambs at $6 25a7 and Ohio mixed at $6 50a7 25; 100 Michigan at $7 50; 316 Indianas at $7 37½ 45. Hogs—market more active; sales 1,140 at prices from $4 75a4 95.

Louisville Market.

LOUISVILLE, February 14.—Tobacco continues very active at previous quotations. Bagging very firm at 18a18½c. Cotton unchanged at 22c. Flour in full prices; extra family $6 75. Wheat firm and in demand at $1 60a1 75. Corn active at 60c. Oats firmer; prime sacked 55c. Rye active; prime 92c. Mess pork firm at $13 50. Bulkmeats active and strong; shoulders 8½c; sides, clear rib, 9½c; do clear 9c. Bacon active at full prices. Lard in good demand at 9¾a10½c. Whisky steady at 87c.

Philadelphia Market.

PHILADELPHIA, February 14.—Flour active; extra family $7a7 50. Wheat advanced; red western $1 61 at 62; amber $1 65a1 75; white $1 71a1 80. Corn steady; white western 68c; high mixed 70c; yellow 68c. Oats have an advancing tendency; white 55a56c; mixed 53a54c. Provisions steady; mess pork $14 50a14 75; lard 9¾@9¾c. Crude petroleum 16½a16¾c; refined 21¾c. Whisky dull at 94c.

Milwaukee Market.

MILWAUKEE, February 14.—Flour quiet. Wheat firm; No 1 $1 26¾; No 2 $1 24¾. Corn whooping; No 2 32c. Corn firm; No 2 mixed 40¾c. Rye advanced; No 1 71¾c. Barley scarce and firm; No 2 fall 62c. Hogs scarce and firm at $4 20a4 35. Mess pork dull and nominal at $12 25.

New York Metal Market.

NEW YORK, February 14.—Metals—Manufactured copper quiet; ingot lake quiet but firm at 28¼a28½c. Iron—Scotch pig quiet and steady at $24a25. Bar firm; refined English and American $4a5. Russia sheet firm at 18c; gold. Nails unchanged; cut $4 75; clinch $6 25a6 75; horse shoe 12@13c.

Toledo Market.

TOLEDO, February 14.—Flour quiet and unchanged. Wheat unchanged; No 2 white Michigan $1 46a1 46½; amber $1 50¾. Corn dull; low mixed 46½c. Oats dull; No 2 40c; rejected 39c. Cloverseed steady at $6 70. Hogs firm at $4 90.

Detroit Market.

DETROIT, February 14.—Wheat steady; extra $1 61; No 1 white $1 55¾. Corn declined; yellow 50¾c. Oats dull and declined; white 42c. Cloverseed $6 70.

COTTON MARKETS

Memphis.

MEMPHIS, February 14.—Cotton dull at 22c.

Nashville.

NASHVILLE, February 14.—Cotton dull and a shade lower; low middling held at 21c.

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GOVERNMENTS.

The government bond market was strong and higher. Some of the German bankers were buying and their purchases advanced the market.

Coupons 1881	115¾	5-20s, 1867	111¾
5-20s, 1862	110¾	Coupons 1868	112¾
5-20s, 1864	110¾	10-40s	110¾
5-20s, 1865	111¾	Currency 6s	114¾
5-20s, 1865, new	110¾		

STATE BONDS.

Southern State securities dull and heavy.

Missouri sixes	94	Virginias, old	55
Tennessees, old	65½	North Carolinas, old	35
Tennessees, new	62¾	North Carolinas, new	17¾
Virginias, new	53¾		

STOCKS.

Stocks opened firm, on second call were heavy and so continued all the afternoon, with the exception of Quicksilver, which sold up to 33. Union Pacific declined, and the general list sympathized. Hannibal and St. Joseph shows ranged between 41¾ and 42¾ for common stock, with 43¾ as the latest price. About 15,000 shares of common was bought in under the rule for account of brokers not able to make deliveries. At the close the market was weak, and some stocks were selling at the lowest figures of the day.

Western Union	79	New Jersey Central	110¾
Quicksilver	33	St. Paul	55¾
Adams Express	92	do pref'd	76¾
Wells, Fargo	63¾	Wabash	56¾
American Express	64¾	do pref'd	86
U. S. Express	64¾	Fort Wayne	124
Pacific Mail	57¾	Terre Haute	23
New York Central	97¾	do pref	52
N. Y. Central Scrip	92	Chicago & Alton	111
Erie	21	do pref	124
do pref'd	63	Ohio & Mississippi	34¾
Harlem	113¾	C. C. & C.	88
do pref'd	130	Toledo & Quincy	100
Reading	113¾	Lake Shore	90¾
Mich Central	93½	Panama	214¾
Cleveland & Pitts	91¾	Illinois Central	132¾
Northwestern	74	Union Pacific	33¾
do pref'd	90	Atlantic	39¾
Rock Island	111¾	Union	91

OCEAN STEAMERS.

List of Departures from New York.

1872.

City of Montreal	Feb. 17	Liverpool.
India	Feb. 17	Glasgow.
Spain	Feb. 17	Liverpool.
Republic	Feb. 17	Liverpool.
Bastia	Feb. 21	Liverpool.
Idaho	Feb. 21	Liverpool.
W. Lauren	Feb. 24	France.
City of London	Feb. 24	Liverpool.
Queen	Feb. 24	Liverpool.
Atlantic	Feb. 28	Liverpool.
Algeria	Feb. 28	Liverpool.
Nebraska	Mar. 2	Liverpool.
Baltic	Mar. 2	Liverpool.
Egypt	Mar. 2	Liverpool.
Liberia	Mar. 7	Liverpool.
Wisconsin	Mar. 7	Liverpool.
Washington	Mar. 9	Liverpool.

RIVER TELEGRAMS.

Greensboro.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

River rising, with eight feet of water in the channel. Weather cloudy; thermometer 10 at 5 P. M.

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Brownsville, Pa.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

BROWNSVILLE, PA., February 14, 1872.

River rising slowly, with seven feet water in the channel. Weather cloudy; thermometer 30 at 6 P. M.

Wheeling, W. Va.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

WHEELING, W. VA., February

THE VERY LATEST.

STOKES MURDER CASE.

Opening Argument for the Defense by Mr. Gerry.

NEW YORK, February 14.—At the opening of the Court of Oyer and Terminer to-day, Mr. McKeen, one of the counsel for Stokes, moved that the Court direct a verdict for the accused, on the ground that the District Attorney's pleas did not sufficiently traverse the averments. As to irregularities in the indictment against Stokes, Judge Cardoza said he would hear evidence, and decide accordingly. Two motions were made by Mr. Graham, of Stokes's counsel, for quashing the indictment. Denied, and the case was proceeded with. Mr. Gerry opening for the defense. After giving a history of the jurors and of the proceeding of empanneling jurors in this city, he said it would be proven that the jury that indicted Stokes were drawn from an improperly empanneled body. Before that Grand Jury Fisk appeared charging conspiracy against Stokes, with witnesses Allan, against whom is an indictment for perjury, who has been to the State prison, and a woman who was disreputable. The case hung man said to be the minds of the Grand Jury were fire, but the minds of the Grand Jury were poisoned against Stokes, and when the case of homicide came before them, they never stopped to inquire whether the killing of Fisk was wilful murder, but merely voted on the evidence before them, and made no search themselves. Mr. Gerry said the Coroner's Jury were men who carefully deliberated, and they refused to find that the homicide was committed with felonious intent. The grand jury, five days after indicting him for murder, brought an indictment for conspiracy, thus coarrying out Fisk's original design to crush this unfortunate young man. To show the vindictiveness of the Grand Jury, that indicted Stokes for having, with another person, agreed to write a letter to Fisk, accusing him of crime with the object of extorting money from him, they never examined the letter itself. It was enough that Fisk said it.

Mr. McKean called for the minutes of the Grand Jury, to show how many agreed on the conspiracy indictment before Fisk's death. He wanted to expose this whole monstrous business, so disgraceful to the administration of justice.

Mr. Gerry continued, saying the proceeding for conspiracy was intended to check off the legal efforts of Stokes to recover his rights. The Grand Jury which found the indictments had amongst them men of such bias against the prisoner that they were disqualified from serving on a petty jury. Why should the prisoner's life be imperiled by such men?

Counsel for Stokes called Henry Gumbleton, Deputy County Clerk, who testified to having drawn grand juries from the box since the first of October. The Commissioner of Juries was not present; there was no one there in the presence of the Supreme Court Judges, and they seldom suspend business to inspect the ballots as they were drawn. Judge Barnard once suspended business for that purpose, but that was during the injunction excitement In response to an inquiry from the District Attorney as to what this all meant, Mr. Graham read the law providing that the commissioner of juries shall prepare and draw the panel, and it was a misdemeanor and indictable offense for any one else to do so. The statute of 1871 also makes it imperative on all six members of the board to sign the lists, whereas three only signed this list. He then gave several names on the panel as instances of violation of the law governing such cases, in that they were defective by not giving either residence or occupation.

D. Holmes, County Clerk, was called and testified to juries being drawn in his office, and has copied panels from the ballots. The Court then adjourned.

STATE LEGISLATURES.

South Carolina.

COLUMBIA, February 14.—The Senate, after a lengthy debate, indefinitely postponed the resolution requesting Robertson and Sawyer's resignation as United Senators. The vote was yeas 17, nays 5.

Ohio.

COLUMBUS, February 14.—In the Senate today the bill authorizing the sale of unsold Virginia military lands in Ohio for the benefit of the Agricultural College was passed. Bills were introduced to authorize the incorporation of the Odd Fellows and other mutual benefit associations, with power to hold property and sue as other corporations; also to incorporate saving societies; also to so amend the 32d law of April, 1870, as to repeal the right of joint action and to require bail to be given before right of action accrues, and to require execution to first issue in suits for damages against the property of the person who sells intoxicating liquors. In the House, the House bill increasing the fees of Notaries and Justices of the peace to one dollar per day was passed. The Senate spent all the afternoon discussing the Kemp-Sailor contested election case.

POLITICAL.

Ohio State Central Committee Declare for Grant and Dennison for President and Vice President.

COLUMBUS, February 14.—The Republican State Central Committee met here to-day, and after transacting routine business adopted a resolution in favor of appointing delegates to the National Convention at the State Convention; also asking the several counties of the State to choose their delegates in the spring instead of fall, as heretofore. This evening the Committee met again, with the Republican members of the Legislature and a number of editors of Republican papers present, and made a speech declaring in favor of the renomination of President Grant, and in favor of the nomination of Wm. Dennison, of Ohio, for Vice President. Resolutions were adopted declearing the hope that the entire Republican party would unite in the renomination of Grant and also declaring Wm. Dennison to be the first choice of the Republicans of Ohio for Vice President and commending him to the Republicans of the nation. The 27th of March was chosen as the time for holding the State Convention.

THE WEATHER.

WAR DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER, WASHINGTON, February 14, 1872, 7 P. M.

PROBABILITIES.

The highest barometer will probably extend on Thursday northeastward over the Gulf and South Atlantic States; a rising barometer and pleasant weather prevail in the Middle Eastern States; clear and northwesterly winds prevail from New England to Florida, and westward to Mississippi; an area of low barometer probably develope on the Upper Missouri Valley; clear weather prevails in the Southern and Gulf States, except on the immediate west coast of Texas, where easterly winds and cloudy weather are anticipated. Dangerous winds are not anticipated for Wednesday night on the Gulf or Atlantic coasts.

Improvement of the Ohio River.

Special Correspondence of the Pittsburgh Commercial.

ROCHESTER, February 14, 1872.

In pursuance of a call of the Councils, a public meeting convened at the Public Hall, on Tuesday evening, and appointed Gen. Thomas J. Power, Capt. Gilbert Pendleton and William Dunlap, Esq., as delegates to the convention to be held at Cincinnati on the 20th inst., on the subject of the improvement of the Ohio river. The citizens of this vicinity are alive to the importance of this great object. J. L.

NEWS SUMMARY.

BY TELEGRAPH.

The West Virginia Constitutional Convention has adopted the ballot system of voting, and given all citizens the right of suffrage.

Mr. Grosvenor, President of the late Missouri Hermaphrodite Convention, denies that the Cincinnati convention has been postponed.

The general passenger ticket agents met in convention at St. Louis yesterday, nineteen western roads being represented, to discuss rates and commissions and to determine, if possible, upon some plan for transportation of emigrants and colored people during the fall in the west. A committee was appointed to consider the subject, this being all the action taken, except appointing Louisville as the place for holding the next general convention.

The Union passenger depot of the Chicago and St. Louis and Illinois Central Railroads, and the hotel nearly adjoining, at Normal, Illinois, were destroyed by fire yesterday morning. Total loss about $20,000; insurance $12,000.

The American Protestant Association will parade in New York on Washington's birthday. The will carry only the national flag, and have been promised a police escort.

The new steamship Republic, of the White Star Line, arrived at New York yesterday.

Meeting of the Police Committee.

Yesterday afternoon the Police Committee of Councils held a meeting.

Some routine business was disposed of, after which the matter of ordering a Black Maria was taken up.

Several bids were opened for the building of the vehicle, when the job was finally let to Coleman & Son, of Allegheny, at the sum of $435 50.

A small safe, not to cost over $50, was ordered for the office at the lock-up.

On motion adjourned.

Seriously Burned.

Yesterday afternoon Mrs. Jackson, a resident of "Rice's Castle" at the Point, left her apartments for a short time, delegating the care of her several children to a little girl named Manley. During Mrs. Jackson's absence one of her sons, a youth of a playful turn of mind, heated a poker red hot and with it set fire to the girl's clothes. Before the flames were extinguished the little girl was severely burned. She was removed to her home on Water street, where she received prompt medical attendance.

THE roll of bachelors has been depleted by one, and he a journalist. Yes, a newspaper man, has really "gone and done it." The gentleman referred to is Mr. William Schoyer of the *Post* firm, who, on Tuesday last, visited Meadville, and took captive one of its fair women, in the person of Mary C., the eldest daughter of the Rev. J. Hammett, D. D. In connection with all the friends of the gentleman we wish him and his wife a pleasant journey through life's troubled pathway.

CITY MATTERS.

BOARD OF GUARDIANS.

Meeting Yesterday—Election of Officers.

Yesterday afternoon the Board of Guardians of the Poor, held a meeting, called under an act of Assembly, for the election of officers for the ensuing year.

The following members were present: Messrs. Fitzsimmons, Hays, Hartley, Moorhead, McKee, Rowley, Shaw, Smythe, Sweitzer and President Kincaid.

The President declared the election of officers in order.

The following were the successful candidates: Treasurer, Wm. K. Hart; Chaplain at Farm, Rev. Jno. Wilkinson; Superintendent of City Farm, W. D. Patterson; Physician at Farm, Dr. Isaiah Ward; City Physician, First district, Dr. Benham; City Physician, Second district, Dr. A. A. E. McCandless; Solicitor, J. I. Kuhn.

The President then announced the following monthly committees for the ensuing year:

February, June and October—Messrs. Hays, Fitzsimmons and Torrance.

March, July and November—Messrs. Shaw, McKee and Kincaide.

April, August and December—Messrs. Hartley, Moorhead and Sweitzer.

May, September and January—Messrs. Arthurs, Smythe and Rowley.

A resolution was passed instructing the physician of the second district to report at office of the Board daily at 3 P. M.

On motion adjourned.

FINALLY COMMITTED.

The Wood Street Caterers in Limbo—A Nuisance Abated.

His Honor Mayor Blackmore and Lieutenants Palmer and Hazen, deserve credit for breaking up of the den on Wood street near Sixth avenue, which has so long been the resort of fallen women and men of the worst character. Yesterday the alleged proprietors of the "dive" Oney Hughes and Henry Derr, had a hearing before the Mayor on the charges of keeping a disorderly house, selling liquor to minors and selling liquor without license. To the latter charge the defendants plead guilty. They were committed to jail for trial at Court in default of $300 bail in each case—$900 in all—to await trial at Court. There are one or two more establishments in our city, similar to the one just broken up, and Mayor Blackmore assures us that he has his eyes upon them and will bring them to grief at the first favorable opportunity.

FIRE COMMISSION.

Regular Meeting Yesterday.

The Fire Commission met yesterday, President Hays in the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Commission then went into an election for officers of the new engine and hose company to be located near Kirkpatrick street, Eleventh ward, with the following result:

Foreman, David Warden; Engineer, J. J. Freyvogle; Driver, John Little; Hosemen, Jno. McAleese, Jno. H. Parker, Jas. Lloyd, Milton King and Frank R. Hutchinson.

The new engine is expected to arrive here in a few days. The house for its reception is now receiving its finishing touches, and will no doubt be altogether completed when the new engine arrives.

A number of monthly bills were read and approved.

On motion adjourned.

PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS.

Pittsburgh Opera House.

Lovers of music and fun combined will have a chance to enjoy themselves this evening, in listening to *opera bouffe* as interpreted by M'lle Aimee and her company, from Fisk's Grand Opera House, New York. Offenbach's sparkling opera bouffe, "La Perichole," is the piece chosen for their *debut*, with the charming Aimee in the title role, and Mr. Campbell, the tenor, as *Piquillo*. Seats may yet be secured by a call on the genial treasurer, Mr. Abbey, at the box office of the Opera House.

Fifth Avenue Opera House.

The engagement of the Florences at Manager Beamer's theater has proved a grand success. Night after night has the house been crowded with the most intelligent and respectable admirers of the drama in this city. Their new play "Eileen Oge" has been most enthusiastically received on each night of its production. The cast is good, the scenery elegant, and the play meritorious. Those who enjoy a really interesting Irish drama should not fail to see "Eileen Oge."

To-morrow night Mr. and Mrs. Florence will have their first benefit in this city for years, when a large audience will undoubtedly greet them.

Varieties Theater.

The Egyptian Jugglers, with the other fine artists in Manager Aims's company, are playing to full houses. They appear in an entirely new bill this evening.

Robert Collyer at Library Hall.

Among the very best things which Chicago saved from her conflagration was the brave and earnest blacksmith preacher who last night described to a large audience, at Library Hall, the marvelous story of the indomitable city "from the fire to February." Robert Collyer is not only an American in the truest and best sense of the term, but he is also essentially a Chicagoan. One did not need to wait until last night to know that he loves the cindered city of the lakes, with something like the affection which fathers give to their children or husbands to their wives, as we listening to him then, and watching the great, proud, tender glow that lit up his homely, handsome features, as he dwelt upon her glory and her grief, her desolation and her heroism, it was easy to see that he had walked every step of the way with her and suffered to be suffering that even in her ashes she was still more beautiful and excellent in his sight than any other city on the face of the fair globe. Discursive and informal, as was his lecture, it was a most vivid and life-like picture of the breathing life of Chicago since the hour of her vast stress, and he says he knows it. By a few simple touches of description here and there, a few statistics thrown in at odd and unexpected times, a few stories of immortal pluck or overwhelming pathos, a few hints and intimations of what is the unparalleled story lay beyond the visible ken—a few fine strokes of Damascus-bladed satire, a few stroke of Phillips-like indignant reprobation of chicanery and sham, and a few loving sentences of grateful recognition of the swift-footed humanity which ran from the interminable ends of earth upon our stricken forth her in her illimitable need—that was all, and yet it was something which those who heard will not, for a long time, be likely to forget, since it was all interfused and permeated with genius, and was instinct in every syllable with the stainless truth and tenderness of a pure, manly heart. Last night was the first time, we believe, that Robert Collyer ever addressed a Pittsburgh audience. If they know what is good for them they will not be likely to be the last.

Under the Gaslight.

The Philadelphia *Press*, in referring to the alleged assault on young Carpenter at East Liberty the other night, says: "The authors of sensational plays and stories have much to answer for, and only second to another very well known and somewhat venerable power of darkness in giving suggestions to the minds of the wicked. The other night a man was knocked down in the streets of Pittsburgh by ruffians, who attempted to dispose of him by binding him on a railroad track to be annihilated by the next train. Let the author of 'Under the Gaslight' ruminate upon his responsibility in this case." The *Press* writer had to draw on his imagination for the "tying" as much as Carpenter had on his for the assault.

RIVER REPORT.

War Department, Signal Service, U. S. A., Division of Telegrams and Reports for the Benefit of Commerce.

February 14, 1872, 3:00 P. M.

Stations.	*Rise. Feet.	Inch.	*Fall. Feet.	Inch.
Cairo, Ills.	0	0	0	8
Cincinnati, Ohio	0	32	0	0
Louisville, Ky.	0	28	0	0
Memphis, Tenn.	0	5	0	0
Nashville, Tenn.	0	0	0	3
New Orleans, La.	0	0	0	0
Pittsburgh, Pa.	0	0	0	4
Shreveport, La.	0	0	0	2
St. Louis, Mo.	0	Wood	0	14
St. Paul.	0	3	0	0
Vicksburg, Miss.				

*Rise and fall in last twenty-four hours. Dash — indicates river closed.

ADDITIONAL RIVER DISPATCHES.

Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, February 14.—Navigation closed; ice heavy on the river. There was a rise of three feet to-day, owing to a gorge below, which has been forming fast. Depth of water seventeen feet. The river will probably close to-night. One of the owners of the Wabash Packet Co., now breaking up of the river, says she can be raised and saved. The steamer Nashville, which sank last night, it is feared will prove a total loss. Some persons say her cargo was not worth above $80,000. Her insurance on freight in home companies did not exceed $29,000, which, added to insurance on boat, will make the draft on home companies about $37,000. The Commercial, of New York, had $10,000 on her cargo. New Orleans companies $10,000.

Louisville.

LOUISVILLE, February 14.—The river has risen two and a half feet. Coldest day of the season; mercury 10 all day. River full of gorges, floating down six to nine and a half feet in thickness. No movement of boats.

LOUISVILLE, February 14.—Clear and cold. Mercury 15 to 24. River stationary. Port List: Up—Florence Lee, 4 A. M.; Fayette and barges, 11. Down—9 A. M.; Idle Wild, 4 P. M.; C. B. Church and Robert Mitchel, 6 P. M.; Pink Varble, 7 P. M. Down—Mary Ament, 7 P. M. Five and a half feet to Cairo, and five to Louisville. Considerable ice made last night. All boats had large trips; freights plenty.

Cairo.

CAIRO, February 14.—No arrivals. Departed—William Cowan, Belmont, 2 P. M. The river has risen eight inches. Clear.

St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, February 14.—Weather more moderate to-night with indications of thaw.

Vicksburg.

VICKSBURG, February 14.—Down—Katie, 12 last night. Up—Gov. Allen, 6 P. M. Cool and clear. River rising.

New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, February 14.—No arrivals. Departed—Potomac, Cincinnati; Thompson Dean, Cairo. Clear and cool.

THE GREAT OIL SUIT.

Owston & Sowers vs. The Allegheny Valley Railroad Company—The Testimony Closed—Arguments of Counsel to be Heard To-day.

The testimony in this case, which has been on trial before Judge Stowe for ten days, was brought to a close yesterday, the following evidence having been adduced:

CROSS-EXAMINATION OF MAJOR FREW.

Major Frew recalled and cross-examined by Mr. Acheson—The thirteen cars of oil spoken of were stored at the order of Owston & Sowers. At a subsequent settlement Mr. Owston acknowledged that he had taken the oil by mistake, and it was deducted at the market price we had to pay for it. We had paid money to Mr. Owston on running account; we generally paid him before we had the bills adjusted, as he wanted money as soon as he had the oil delivered. We paid 184 cents for the thousand barrels to Todd, McGrew & Co., and Owston & Sowers allowed us the same price. Am not a stockholder in the Allegheny Valley Railroad now; was I in 1869, I am unable to give the amount of oil refined at the Brilliant and Standard in 1869; our contracts for oil were made prior to December, 1869. As cashier of the Pittsburgh Petroleum Company, I received oil in that month for other parties. The Pittsburgh Petroleum Company was organized in October, 1869.

THE PETROLEUM COMPANY OF 1869.

Mr. Acheson—Who were the members of that company?

Mr. Hampton—We object. It is not material who composed the company.

Mr. Acheson—The witness alleged that they had nothing to cover up here, and they have interrogated this witness as to a "bull ring" in oil. Now, I want to know who composed that company or combination.

Mr. Hampton—The counsel for the plaintiff insinuated that the officers of the road were concerned in this alleged combination, and there were vague intimations from witnesses on the same subject; and it was for the purpose of meeting these insinuations that the testimony on this subject was introduced.

The Court—There is not a particle of testimony in the case tending to show that the defendants were in any "oil combination." We have had intimations to that effect, but the testimony utterly fails to sustain them. We cannot permit the question.

Witness continued—The difficulty about gravity was not started by Lockhart & Frew; it was started by nearly all the inspectors, as very few of them would agree with Mr. Van Buskirk's certificates. Nearly all the oil that was received here at that time was received for the Petroleum Company.

MR. SIMICK'S CONNECTION WITH THE ROAD.

Question by Mr. Acheson—You stated yesterday that negotiations were pending between King, nor McCreery, of the Allegheny Valley Railroad, had any connection with the oil combination of 1869. State whether there were any other persons, connected with the road, as directors or otherwise, concerned in that combination?

Mr. Hampton—State the purpose of the question.

Mr. Acheson—The counsel for the defense, having examined this witness for the purpose of showing that no party connected with the Allegheny Valley Railroad, or having contracts with the oil combination of 1869, and also having examined him for the purpose of showing the good faith of the company with the plaintiffs, the above question is propounded as a fair cross-examination.

Mr. Hampton—I object, as my examination was confined to the officers of the road.

The Court—The objection is sustained, as the question would cover all concerned in the road, even to the brakemen.

Mr. Acheson—Then I modify my question, confining it to the directors of the road.

Mr. Hampton—I object, as the individual acts of a director cannot bind the corporation.

The Court—The question will be allowed, as proper cross-examination.

Mr. Acheson, to witness—Was not one or more directors of the Allegheny Valley Railroad Company concerned in the oil combination.

Witness—Not directly, as stockholders in the Petroleum Company.

Q.—Was the Petroleum Company incorporated?

A.—It was a firm composed of several firms, and there was a director of the Allegheny Valley Railroad who was a member of one of those firms. That was Mr. Wm. K. Nimick. I knew of no others.

Witness continued—Think there was no objection to the barge oil; it was usually steamed, in contradistinction from crude oil, which was gravity; do not know where the barge oil came from. We commenced shipping large quantities of oil over the road about 1st of November, 1869. Remember the shipments of Boon & Bates, but do not remember going directly to the office; do not remember of taking Wm. K. Nimick with me; do not recollect going there with him in 1869; would not be positive about it. Believe this is the dispatch I got from Mr. Bates.

THE DIRECTORS IN 1869.

Col. Phillips, recalled—In 1869, our directors were Wm. M. Lyon, Wm. K. Nimick, J. Patton Lyon, F. R. Brunot, James Parke, Jr., B. F. Jones and myself. Mr. Nimick had no other position than that of director; he had nothing to do with the management or working of the road whatever. Did not know from my own knowledge, in December, 1869, that he was a member of the Petroleum Company; had heard, from rumor, that he was. Do not know that he ever called me up specially for that; he, however, applied to me once to know why I did not give Lockhart & Frew their full share of cars, as near as I can recollect, my reply was that I could help it I would not, but the cars were empty, as they had then a number of our cars locked up on the siding; that we were treating them as shippers, and they were treating other shippers, and they had no right to complain; did not allow him, in any way, to interfere with the allotment of cars in December, 1869; did not, directly or any power over the operating of the road; our organization makes the President, Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent responsible for the operations of the road.

No cross-examination.

RAILROAD OFFICERS RECALLED.

Col. Lawrence recalled—Know Mr. Wm. K. Nimick. He then made application to me, in 1869, for cars to transport oil over the road. Never furnished Lockhart & Frew, or any other person, cars on his application.

Cross-examined—Do not remember seeing Mr. Nimick, in company with Maj. Frew, about the 22d of December.

Thomas M. King, recalled—Know Mr. Wm. K. Nimick; he never asked me for oil cars for himself or any other person in 1869. No cross-examination.

TESTIMONY OF MR. LOCKHART.

Charles Lockhart, sworn—Am a member of the firm of Lockhart, Frew & Co.; there was a good deal of detention of cars in December, 1869; it commenced about the middle of the month, and was continued for a long time, for proper quality; the railroad company was hurrying up all the time to unload cars; as soon as unloaded the cars were promptly delivered. Phillips was the man who frequently in December and complained very much about our detention of the cars; some of the oil not unloaded was consigned to the Standard and Sowers; cannot state the quantity; a large portion of the oil shipped by them from Venango was delivered to us; it was detained because of improper gravity. There was a large number of cars thus detained; the officers of the road took some of the cars away and had the oil stored.

Cross-examined by Mr. Acheson—The Owston & Sowers oil was tested by Mr. Schmidt; part of it was inspected in my presence.

The defendants here closed their case.

REBUTTING TESTIMONY.

Joseph Bates, recalled—Have the telegram I produced yesterday.

Mr. Acheson—This paper is offered in evidence, as the same telegram produced by this witness on the stand, when called by the defense, and to which he referred as fixing the date; to show the message sent by him to Lockhart & Frew, and in connection also, with what he testified as to the statements of Mr. McCreery, defendants' agent.

Mr. Hampton—Objected to as not rebutting, and also incompetent.

The Court sustained the objection.

LETTER OF COL. LAWRENCE TO MCNHALL & CO.

Mr. Acheson—I now offer in evidence the letter of Col. Lawrence to John Mcnhall & Co., dated November 27th, 1869, and identified by Mr. Lawrence and Mr. McCreery.

The Court—We thing it correct.

Mr. Hampton—I have no objection.

[Letter read to jury as follows:]

VENANGO CITY STATION, November 27, 1869.

JOHN MCNHALL & CO., GENTS—Your letter of the 23d inst. was handed me now at Pittsburgh, yesterday, and as I expected to see you here to-day, did not reply. In regard to your demand for cars, and your having contracts to fill I can only say we have made contracts, with parties who ship exclusively by rail, to deliver their oil, which requires about all our cars. Until you have always shipped by river, when you could, we supposed you did not desire to make any contract or arrangement to ship exclusively by rail, as others have done. If you desire to make such a contract, we can have the same privileges as others—but in the meantime we claim the right, as we are bound to do, to treat you on the same footing as we will, however, give you a full share of all the cars we can spare.

Yours truly,

J. J. LAWRENCE, Supt."

EXPLANATORY EVIDENCE.

Mr. Sowers, re-called—The oil purchased from Parker, Thompson & Co., and turned over to Fisher Bros., was purchased on the 1st of December from Mr. John Parker. I bought it tank measure, in their tank. It was sold to Fisher Bros. on the 18th of December; sold to them in the same way I bought it. Parker, Thompson & Co. loaded in cars on both sides of the river. Fisher Bros. were then shipping over the Valley road.

Mr. Acheson—I propose to show that the oil was sold because the plaintiffs could not get transportation for it.

Mr. Hampton—I object to the offer as not rebutting.

The Court let the testimony in.

Witness continued—We sold the oil because we could not get cars to ship it in. We shipped no part of the Watt oil; it was shipped by Fisher Bros. We made application to us, not shipped by us, nor had we anything to do with it that I know of. On the 15th December there was but one car allotted to us, Mr. Bushnell got three and Parker & Thompson four; do not know who got the other five; the Bushnell oil was purchased by us, to be delivered on Valley cars, the sellers to furnish the cars; it was delivered at Lockhart & Frew's pipe; the four cars for Parker & Thompson were "White Line" cars, for shipment out; we never got any oil from Fisher Bros.; they never loaded any oil for us; we generally gave the names of consignees on shipping; in a few instances, as a special favor, we were allowed to ship to ourselves, with the understanding that we would give the consignees notice promptly on arrival. [Drawback statement shown.] Identified that we got ninety-nine cars in December. I have an almost exact copy of this statement. [Witness explained how the difference happened—twenty-five cars having been loaded by Bushnell, Miller and Parker Thompson & Co. during the month.] These twenty-five cars deducted from one hundred and twenty-four, leaves ninety-nine. In all these instances, the parties who sold us the oil got the cars, and sold us the oil in the cars.

Cross-examined by Mr. Hampton—When I was on the stand I said I had not purchased any oil from Parker, Thompson & Co. to be delivered in barge. I adhere to my statement still. I bought the oil from John Parker. It remained in their tank until it was sold to Fisher's. There was no pipe connection between Parker, Thompson & Co. and us. The twenty-five cars spoken of were all filled with our oil. [Paper shown.] This refers to the shipment of the oil. Mr. McLaughlin and Mr. McGuigan had charge of the shipments. Did not see one of those twenty-five cars loaded, so far as I know; may have seen them loaded, or part of them. I know they were loaded, as I paid for the oil. Have no personal knowledge as to whom the Watt and Campbell cars were allotted.

THE KOUNTZ OIL.

Mr. T. P. Miller, sworn—Was agent for Capt. Kountz at Oil City, in December, 1869; got cars in that month, from Allegheny Valley Railroad; on the 4th of Dec. shipped three cars, and on the 6th two cars; the oil was purchased from Ross Bros. on account of W. J. Kountz; it was shipped to Union Refining and Storing Company. I got the cars from Mr. McCreery at Venango. Owston & Sowers had nothing to do with these five cars. Got three others about the 15th for W. J. Kountz.

Cross-examined by Mr. Hampton—There was a surplus of cars lying there on the 4th. The oil shipped on the 6th was loaned to me by Owston & Sowers, as I had no oil on that side of the river. It was shipped as W. J. Kountz's oil. The oil loaded on the 6th was traded for with Ross Bros., because there was plenty of cars. The cars loaded on the 15th I got from McCreery also.

Mr. Sowers, re-called—These five cars of Miller's oil were loaned to him out of our drawback statement by mistake. The five cars appear in the bill of lading as shipped to Owston & Sowers. The statement was made out by Mr. McLaughlin.

Cross-examined—I never discovered this mistake until lately. The drawback money was drawn on these cars, I presume.

THE TRIPLETS AND TWO PRIMROSES.

Owen McGuigan, recalled—Mr. Morrissey did not offer me, at any time in December, cars that I refused; he put in three cars at one time that he wanted loaded quick as I could; I could not load them in less than an hour and a half, and he took them to Fisher Bros. The train was late that day; it ought to have been in at eight o'clock, but did not get in until nearly twelve; I was loading six cars at that time.

Cross-examined—There were nine cars put in to us that day; we could not load the six, and then the three afterward, in time.

GRAVITY, &C.

Thomas McLaughlin, recalled—The gravity of Owston & Sowers's oil was tested by me or his pumper, Mr. Kingsbury. Mr. Owston, of Pittsburgh, in December, 1869, was of a lighter gravity than 46 degrees. There was but one car allotted to us on the 15th of December